

#### April 2015

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#### City Manager's Report

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** 

Michelle Dawson, City Manager Issue 0072

## **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

#### Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful

<u>Household Hazardous Waste Event (HHW)</u> The City of Moreno Valley and the Riverside County Waste Management Department hosted a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. More than 500 residents disposed of hazardous waste and e-waste, including sharps (syringes), used oil, used oil filters, fluorescent tubes, and paint.

Residents are encouraged to utilize the County of Riverside's permanent HHW facility located at 1780 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside. This facility is open every non-holiday Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



#### Earth Day Mulch Event

To celebrate Earth Day 2015, the City hosted a Free Mulch Give-Away event on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the City's Corporate Yard. The mulch that was given away came from the City's tree trimming services. More than 170 residents received free mulch along with gift bags promoting the importance of recycling bottles and cans. The Free Mulch Event supports the practices of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle and the promotion of the City's weekday Mulch Program, which is available to City residents

Monday – Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It is important to note that residents are required to bring their own buckets, bags and shovels when utilizing the weekday Mulch Program.





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# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Library

#### **Grants**

The Moreno Valley Public Library has been awarded a "Pitch an Idea" grant funded by the California State Library. Staff members partnered with Inland Library System staff to write the grant, entitled "Pathways to Citizenship." This program will provide a series of 12 citizenship classes to Moreno Valley residents at the library in March of next year. Content covered in upcoming citizenship classes will include geography, mock interviews, and United States History.

#### Library Programs

Library patrons can take advantage of the various free programs offered by the library in June. Guest presenter Gary Speck will host a California Ghost Towns program on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. Protecting seniors from fraud is the subject of another presentation scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Keith Mullins will host "The History and Timeline of the City of Moreno Valley" on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. "Turtles and Tortoises of the California Desert" will be the subject of a June 23<sup>rd</sup> presentation at 11 a.m. A local author event discussing the motivational book *Just Run the Race* will take place on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. A magic program featuring "Magic by Eli" will be presented on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. The book discussion group "Book Talk for Book Lovers" is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

#### Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program will take place from June 15<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. This program provides adults, children and teens with an opportunity to earn prizes after reading 5 books. Participants can receive up to 4 prizes. Patrons can sign up for the Summer Reading Program in the children's room beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. Prizes are being provided by the following local organizations:

- Applebee's
- Baker's
- Chili's
- Chick-fil-A
- Fiesta Village
- Hometown Buffet
- Hot Dog on a Stick
- Legoland
- McDonald's
- Polly's Pies
- Round1
- Round Table Pizza





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## Statistical Information

The library provided a variety of programs and services to patrons in April. These services vary from adult programs to literacy events. The following are April statistics:

- Door Count 33,711 library patrons
- Class Visit 1 class, 48 attendees
- Circulation 27,144 library materials checked out
- 15-Minute Computer Sessions 748 sessions
- 30-Minute Computer Sessions 477 sessions
- 60-Minute Computer Sessions 3,865 sessions
- Children's/ Literacy Computer Sessions 1,025 sessions
- Adult programs 13 programs, 118 attendees
- Bilingual storytimes 5 programs, 190 attendees
- Family Programs 5 programs, 95 attendees
- Preschool Storytime 4 programs, 147 attendees
- Teen (YA Programs) 5 programs, 74 attendees

## Human Resources

Talent Management: Recruiting and/or selection processes are underway for the following openings in the City workforce:



- Laborer-Parks (PT/Temp-30 applications to date).
- Emergency Ops & Volunteer Services Specialist (FTC-68 applications). Applications under review.
- Alternate Crossing Guard (PT/Temp-34 applications). Interviews scheduled.
- Management Analyst-CEDD (PAM-93 applications). Interviews scheduled.
- Sr. Applications Analyst (PAM-33 applications). Interviews scheduled.
- Executive Assistant I-Internal (FTC-8 applications). Selection pending.
- Maintenance Worker I (FTC-228 applications). Recruitment placed on hold.
- Animal Care Technician-2 positions (PT/Temp-30 applications to date). 3 candidates selected; recruitment closed.
- Management Analyst (PAM-65 applications to date). Candidate selected; recruitment closed.
- Sr. Telecommunications Technician (FTC-42 applications). Candidate selected; recruitment closed.
- Sr. Graphics Designer (FTC-36 applications). Candidate selected; recruitment closed.
- Sr. Traffic Engineer (PAM-28 applications). Recruitment closed.

## Motivate Wellness Program

As part of our city-wide wellness program, HR hosted an estate planning workshop for employees on April 9<sup>th</sup>. This presentation came about as a result of questions from a number of employees. Over 50 employees attended this very popular "lunch and learn" and

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were able to talk to experts about things such as long term care, trusts, taxes, probate and more.

<u>Total: 7 recruitments</u> New recruitments: Closed recruitments: Ongoing recruitments:

Workers Compensation for April: New claims: 4 Closed claims: 2 Ongoing open claims: 32

<u>Turnover Ratio:</u> Employees: **414** Retirements/Separations: **2/7 = 9** 

New Hires:





Angel Gutierrez, Administrative Assistant Fire Department

# **Facilities Division**

Larry Jaime, Senior Graphics Designer City Manager's Office

The Facilities Group is working with the <u>Energy Network</u> to upgrade exterior building and parking lot lighting to energy efficient LED lighting at the following locations:

- Library
- City Yard
- Senior Center
- Cottonwood Golf Center

Funding for these upgrades came from The Energy Efficiency Fund. This fund was established from rebates and incentives from both MVU and SCE and will also receive future savings from energy efficiencies. The return on investment from energy savings averages 3 years.

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## **Animal Services**

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic Results

On Saturday, April 4, 2015, the Animal Shelter provided a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic at the Animal Shelter. Dog and cat owners took advantage of the reduced pet vaccination fees along with being able to renew or purchase their dog's license.

#### Results of the clinic:

Number of Dogs Receiving Rabies Vaccination	112
Number of Dogs Receiving a 5 in 1 Vaccination	86
Number of Bordetella Vaccines Administered to Dogs	76
Number of Dog Licenses Sold	49
Number of Cats Vaccinated for FVRCP	4
Number of Cats Receiving Rabies Vaccination	0

## Earth Day Pet Adoption Event

The "Earth Day" pet adoption event held on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> proved to be another huge success for the 29 pets that were adopted (20 family adoptions & 9 rescue adoptions), along with two more pets that were reclaimed by their owners. Dogs were adopted for \$50 and cats were adopted for \$15. The pet adoption fee is all inclusive, covering the spayneuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip and vaccinations.

## ASPCA Grant Award

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the ASPCA to construct a Healthy Dog Intake area at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. The project, estimated to cost \$60,000, will provide an additional 12 dog kennels located outside the Animal Shelter's main kennels, along with security and privacy fencing, shelter to protect the dogs from inclement weather and connection to existing plumbing.

This expansion will provide an intake isolation area where the health of incoming dogs can be evaluated by shelter staff and shelter veterinarians prior to introducing those animals into the general population of the shelter. The expected outcome of this expansion is healthier dogs that can be returned to their owners, adopted, or transferred to our rescue partners. This grant award was presented and accepted by the Moreno Valley City Council at the April 28, 2015 City Council meeting.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Administration

#### Aldi Foods

Aldi Foods will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi's move into California to support up to 150 stores in the

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State. Building permits for the project were issued on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Aldi's target date to begin operations at the site is July 14, 2015. Aldi will directly employ 200 workers on site at full operation of the 850,000 square foot facility, not including contractors providing service and deliveries to the facility.

In addition, Aldi plans to open stores over a three-year period, including two stores in Moreno Valley. The first store will be located in the TownGate area and is 29,035 square feet. An application for that store was submitted to Planning in September and the project is under construction. The TownGate store would open concurrent with the regional warehouse. Aldi Foods is a national retailer with over 1,300 stores in the United States.

#### Sares Regis/Deckers

Exterior construction by Sares Regis is complete for the first phase 800,000 square foot logistics building, which is leased to Deckers Outdoor Corporation (maker of UGG boots). Deckers has an option for a second phase expansion of 200,000 to 400,000 square feet. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued on November 20, 2014. Interior tenant improvements for the facility are underway, with operations anticipated to commence in Summer 2015. The building will include the internet sales site for the company, resulting in the potential for a substantial amount of sales tax revenue to the City. The Sares Regis project is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area.

#### First Nandina

The First Nandina project was approved by the Planning Commission after a public hearing on October 9, 2014. No appeal was filed on the project, which also included an extensive Environmental Impact Report. Demolition permits have been issued for the removal of existing structures on the site. The project proposes to construct a 1.45 million square foot warehouse/distribution center on 73 acres located at the southwest corner of Indian Street and Nandina Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The developer, First Industrial Properties, has received strong early interest from potential tenants.

#### March Business Center/Western Realco

Western Realco has settled all remaining legal challenges to the March Business Center project and has commenced plan check activities for the four-building project at the southeast corner of Iris Avenue and Heacock Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The project is approved for 1,484,000 square feet of warehouse/logistics space on the 75-acre site. The largest building encompasses 1,103,000 square feet. Western Realco has started grading for the project and anticipates initiating construction on the two largest buildings this year.

#### Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from Realtor.com indicates a 1.9% increase in the number of homes for sale in the City, and the median asking prices have decreased by 2.7%. The median asking price was \$251,000 compared with \$258,000 in the prior month and \$250,000 in the same month of last year.

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As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 949 homes were listed for sale, compared with 931 at the start of the prior month, and 516 in same month of last year. Inventory has been steadily increasing since hitting a low of less than 300 in May 2013. The prior peak was a high of 2,068 in January 2009 at the start of the last recession.

The current inventory of homes for sale is a five-month supply. Anything less than a sixmonth supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. Therefore, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

	April 2015	March 2014	Change	April 2014	Change
Homes for Sale	949	931	1.9%	513	85%
Median Asking Price	\$258,000	\$258,000	2.8%	\$250,000	3.2%

The trends are shown in the chart below.

#### Foreclosures

Information available from RealtyTrac.com for March 2015 shows a decrease in foreclosure activity in the City and the County. The website reported one in 467 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 46% of homes with mortgages in the City. A higher number, 467, indicates a lower foreclosure rate of 23.9 %. This compares to a rate of one in 377 units in the prior month and one in 429 units in March of last year. Foreclosure activity is 23.9% lower than the prior month and 8.9% lower than March of last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is lower than most local communities and the County's average. In western Riverside County, Nuevo had the highest rate locally (1 in 243) and Temecula had the lowest rate (1 in 979). By Zip code, area 92555 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 266) and area 92557 had the lowest rate (1 in 464). The foreclosure rate increased in the 92553 and 92555 areas, while decreasing in the 92551 and 92557 areas.

	March 2015	February 2015	Change	March 2014	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	467	377	23.9%	429	8.9%
Foreclosure Rate/County	670	481	39.3%	521	28.6%

The trends are shown in the chart below.

#### Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley have increased. In February 2015, the average home resale value was \$252,500. This was a 1% increase from the value of \$250,000 reported for the month of January 2015 and a 10% increase from the value of \$229,500 reported for the month of February 2014. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Murrieta, Temecula and

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Hemet experienced increases in property value in February 2015 by approximately 10.3%. Perris and Corona saw a decrease of 5.1 %.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period decreased by 26.6%, moving from 141 transactions in January to 141 in February 2015. There have been a total of 261 transactions for the year thus far.

	Feb. 2015	Jan. 2015	Change	Feb. 2014	Change
Resale Transactions	120	141	(14.9%)	142	(15.5%)
Home Resale Value	\$252,500	\$245,681	2.8%	\$226,606	11.4%

The trends are shown in the chart below.

#### Unemployment – March 2015

Moreno Valley's unemployment rate continues to decline – March 2015 was the eighth consecutive month of job growth. The rate declined from 7.4% in February to 7.0% in March 2015. Comparing March rates year to year, Moreno Valley's unemployment rate declined 4%, down from 11% in March 2014.

Though much improved, Moreno Valley's rate still represented 6,400 Moreno Valley residents who were unemployed. If Moreno Valley's rate matched Riverside County's average rate of 6.5%, the City's unemployment count would be 6,019 and 381 additional residents would be employed. If the City's rate matched the State's rate, Moreno Valley's count would be 5,928 and another 472 residents would be employed.

The following table compares unemployment rates and the related numbers of unemployed individuals for the State, County, and several Inland Empire cities:

	March 2014 Rate	March 2015 Rate	March 2015 Unemployed Count
California	7.9%	6.5%	1,223,000
Riverside County	9.4%	6.6%	67,000
Banning	10.8%	5.8%	600
Beaumont	10.8%	3.9%	700
Corona	6.9%	5.1%	4,000
Hemet	12.0%	9.1%	2,600
Menifee	10.1%	7.7%	2,700
Moreno Valley	11.0%	7.0%	6,400
Murrieta	6.2%	5.3%	2,700
Perris	14.9%	9.5%	2,700

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Riverside	9.5%	6.3%	9,300
San Jacinto	14.4%	9.8%	1,800
Temecula	6.4%	4.7%	2,400

Serta Simmons Bedding Expands in Moreno Valley



This month, the City congratulated Serta Simmons Bedding for the expansion of its local manufacturing and distribution operations within Moreno Valley. Serta has signed a 10-year lease with Colliers International as part of these expansion plans. They will move to 23700 Cactus Avenue, just south of their current facility, more than doubling their operating space.

Serta currently occupies 232,596 square feet at the northeast corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue and anticipates moving to the new 532,926 sq. ft. facility this summer. Having begun operations in Moreno Valley in 2005, Serta now employs more than 300 people and is one of the City's Top 25 sales tax generators.

Upon learning that Serta wished to expand to a larger facility, City staff worked closely with Serta's development team to identify and implement solutions to minimize costs for facility upgrades and keep the company in Moreno Valley.

"Being able to retain Serta is a testament to the City's commitment to continue economic development efforts and work with local businesses and retain jobs in our City," said Mayor Jesse Molina.

City staff will continue to assist Serta with City plan checks for the seamless move to the new facility.

## Building & Safety Division

#### Quick Statistics

The following Building & Safety Division statistics compare March year over year activity between 2015 and 2014.

BUILDING & SAFETY	March 2015	March 2014
Customer Counter Visits-total daily average	729-33	697-37
Building Permits Issued	183	164
Construction Valuation	\$3,210,404	\$6,386,861
Construction Inspections Performed	1,092	1,044
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	23	15
Plan Check Activity	298	277
Monthly Revenue	\$170,107	\$133,192

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#### MARCH 2015 CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

TEMPORARY C of O'S			
PERMIT #	COFO NAME		
B1400937	BURGER KING		
B1400556	FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE		
B1402454	COAST DENTAL OF CALIFORNIA		
NEW CONSTRUCTION C of O'S			
PERMIT #	COFO NAME		
LARGE C of O'S			
PERMIT #	COFO NAME		
B1401500	AEROSPORTS TRAMPOLINE PARK		
TOWNGATE MALL C of O'S			
PERMIT #	COFO NAME		
RESTAURANT C of O'S			
PERMIT #	COFO NAME		
B1402594	JERSEY MIKE'S		
B1500407	UNIVERSAL BANQUET		
TRACT C of O'S			
PERMIT & LOT#	DEVELOPER AND TRACT #		
B1500224 - 53	DR HORTON TRACT 32505		
B1500225 - 54	DR HORTON TRACT 32505		

#### **Code & Neighborhood Services Division**

#### **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of March 2014 and March 2015.

	March 2014	March 2015
Cases Initiated	315	361
Closed Case Investigations	496	363
Parking Citations Issued	2,074	2,406
Administrative Citations Issued	24	41
Counter Customers	314	337

Code Compliance is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members, Ed Torres, weekend Code Officer and Hanya Delgado, Temporary Administrative staff.

## **Planning Division**

#### **Quick Statistics**

The following Planning Division statistics compare March year over year activities between 2015 and 2014.

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	March 2015	March 2014
Counter Customers	330	344
Major Case Submittals	5	5
Minor Case Submittals	48	75
Plan Check Submittals	94	41
Application Fees	\$67,126	\$55,817

# City Council

April 14, 2015:

A Public Hearing was held for the Edgemont Apartments project and the City Council approved the project. The project includes a General Plan Amendment from Commercial (C) to Residential 20 (R20) and a Zone Change from Community Commercial (CC) to Residential 20 (R20) for development of a Plot Plan for a 112-unit apartment project on the 6.63 acres of Assessor's Parcel numbers 263-120-020 and 263-120-025. The physical design includes 14 two-story buildings with a mix of 1- and 2-bedroom units, with covered parking to include carports and garages. The site is located at the southeast corner of Eucalyptus Avenue and Edgemont Street. The applicant is Latco Enterprises.

# March 24, 2015:

 The City Council public hearing for an Appeal of the Planning Commission action of January 8, 2015, approving a Conditional Use Permit (PA14-0033) and Tentative Tract Map 34544 (PA14-0032) was canceled in light of the developer (Frontier Communities) withdrawing their project from any further consideration. The appeal was filed by adjacent residents. The residential project was for a 76-unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) located on the north side of Cottonwood, approximately ¼ mile east of Perris Boulevard.

March 10, 2015

 The City Council public hearing for an Appeal of the Planning Commission action of December 11, 2014, approving a Conditional Use Permit (PA14-0014) and Tentative Tract Map 36708 (PA14-0015) was held and the project was approved with modification. The appeal was filed by an adjacent resident. The project approved includes a 121-unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) on 15.92 acres, including a clubhouse and pool, and is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Cactus Avenue. The applicant for the project is Nova Homes, Inc.

# Planning Commission

# April 23, 2015

• A Plot Plan and associated environmental documents were considered and approved for an approximately one-million, one-hundred-thousand square foot warehouse

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distribution facility at 17300 Perris Boulevard, at the northeast corner of Perris Boulevard and Modular Way. The project is located within the Moreno Valley Industrial Area Specific Plan. The project applicant is Kearny Modular Way, LLC.

• A Conditional Use Permit was reviewed and approved to allow the 99+ Food Mart, a convenience store, to sell off-site alcohol. The project is located at 23080 Alessandro. The project applicant is Ho Lee.

March 26, 2015

• Approved a Conditional Use Permit for a new wireless telecommunications facility that consists of a 55-foot monopalm and an adjacent ground level equipment enclosure. The project is located at 11650 Perris Boulevard on the site of an existing church (Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church). The applicant is Verizon Wireless.

# Administrative Approvals

The following projects were approved administratively in March:

- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for The Hole in Wall Inc. to operate their mentoring business in Suites 7 through 9 located at 24187 Postal Avenue. The applicant is Benjamin Shuler.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the Leading Edge Learning Center, located at 24021 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Robert Mason.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a window tinting and car accessory installation facility at 24594 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Steve Clara.
- A Plot Plan was approved to revise an existing landscaping plan to replace tree species at the site located at Moreno Beach and SR-60, Moreno Beach Plaza. The applicant is LJC Enterprises.
- An Extension of Time was approved for an Amended Conditional Use Permit to redesign an existing fueling station to include the addition of a 2,939 square foot convenience store and an automated drive-through car wash. The project is located at 12431 Heacock Street and the applicant is Stantec Architecture, Inc.
- A Plot Plan was approved for minor modifications to an existing wireless telecommunications facility. The new Verizon Wireless antenna configuration will remove six existing antennas and replace with six new similar antennas. The site is located at 22700 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Rachael Davison.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved to establish outdoor patio seating at an existing IHOP restaurant located at 24318 Hemlock Avenue. The applicant is Vigen Baghdassarian.
- The Extension of Time was approved for a Plot Plan for a 17,340 square foot Rite-Aid building with a drive-thru and liquor license. The project is located at 14050 Moreno Beach Drive. The applicant is Winchester Associates, Inc.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for façade changes to an existing Rite-Aid store located at 24991 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Trulite Signs.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for a 922 square foot second unit at 13207 Yellowwood Street. The applicants are Eliberto and Mickie Olivarez.
- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was approved for modifications to the existing

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telecommunications facility located at 23800 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is T-Mobile.

- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was approved for modifications to the existing telecommunications facility located at 11875 Pigeon Pass Road. The applicant is SBA Communications on behalf of T-Mobile.
- A Conditional Use Permit was approved for the installation and operation of a new wireless telecommunications facility located at 11650 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Spectrum Services, Inc.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for exterior improvements to Smart and Final, located at 25050 Alessandro Blvd. The applicant is Francis Kwek.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for Dance Move Fitness to occupy tenant space at 24318 Hemlock Avenue. The applicant is Irma Corzo.

## Recent Case Submittals

The following applications were submitted in March:

- A Tentative Tract Map was submitted for 40 single family residential lots on 9.4 acres located at Brodiaea Avenue and Moreno Beach Drive. The applicant is FH II, LLC.
- A Tentative Tract Map was submitted to subdivide eight acres into 26 single family lots, located at the southwest corner of Bay Street and Wilmot Street. The applicant is Kenneth Phung.
- A Tentative Tract Map was submitted to subdivide 10.09 acres into 34 single family lots, located at Theodore Street and Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is Kuo Ming Lee.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a new nail salon at 14055 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Kim Nguyen.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a new canopy and compressor farm associated to Decker's conveyor system and racks. The project is located at 17791 Perris Boulevard and the applicant is Wynright Corp.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a dance and fitness business located at 24318 Hemlock Avenue, Moreno Valley Festival. The applicant is Irma Orozco.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a new fitness studio at Canyon Springs Plaza, 12125 Day Street. The applicant is Sonia Lugo.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a second unit located at 13866 Redlands Boulevard. The applicant is Justin Chang.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a second unit with a two car garage attached. The address is 29075 Carillo Court. The applicant is Juan Antonio Godnez.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a room addition to an existing recreation center at 16010 Rancho Del Lago. The applicant is Herron & Rumansoff Architects, Inc.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a second unit located at 22569 Sheffield Drive. The applicant is Steve Y. Wu.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for Volkswagen of Moreno Valley, installing two (2) electric vehicle charging stations.
- A Conditional Use Permit was submitted for a new cell site, a 60' monopine with an

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equipment shelter. The site is located at 14058 Redlands Boulevard and the applicant is Verizon Wireless.

• A Custom Home with a garage was submitted for review. The site is located at 13866 Redlands Boulevard. The applicant is Justin Chang.

#### Highlighted Active Projects

#### Nason Corridor

A public workshop on the Nason Corridor project was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> in the City Council Chamber. This was a second public workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to present information and take input from residents and property owners on potential alternatives for the future of the corridor between SR-60 and Iris. The presentation content included a summary of topics, feedback and discussion from the first workshop held in February. The consultant effort is funded from a SCAG grant. The grant provides the opportunity to study the Corridor with the goal of enhancing mobility and quality of life within the Corridor.

#### General Plan Amendment Pertaining to the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan

Planning staff continues to work on a General Plan Amendment to update the General Plan for consistency with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan that was adopted by the Airport Land Use Commission in November. The objective is to complete review of the General Plan Amendment by the City Council by the end of August.

#### Walmart - Perris Boulevard/Gentian

A Plot Plan is currently under review for a proposed Walmart store on an approximate 20acre parcel at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Gentian. In addition to the Walmart anchor, the proposed project includes an additional retail pad on the southern portion of the project site at Perris Boulevard and Santiago. The draft Environmental Impact Report is expected to be circulated for public review in April.

#### World Logistics Center

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for approximately 41 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse, light logistics and logistics support use. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. Light logistics are smaller, moderate size (less than 500,000 square feet) warehouses, and logistics support uses include facilities for fueling and limited commercial square footage. The proposed Specific Plan project area is bound by State Route 60 (SR-60), Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the proposed project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financing purposes and a supporting Environmental Impact Report.

The project applicant has assembled the components of the Final Environmental Impact Report and is currently working with staff on scheduling the release of the documents for final public review. Prior to release, additional consideration is being given to air quality analysis in light of newly approved models and factors. The Draft EIR, Response to

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Comments, and the Facts, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations constitute the Final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council

# FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## **Financial Operations Division**

#### Electronic Timesheet Training Conducted and Enhancements Announced for eSuite v9.2

Payroll staff conducted training on our time recording module to over 70 City employees who are involved in the timesheet reviewing and approving process. Enhancements to the eSuite module for version 9.2 that were demonstrated included new functionality to copy prior timesheet, validation

of available accrual balances, and the ability for employees to recall a submitted timesheet. These enhancements, along with others, will improve the time recording process for all employees and management, resulting in an operational efficiency being realized citywide.

## Annual Physical Inventory of Vehicles and Equipment Completed

With the assistance of staff across all departments, Financial Operations accounting staff conducted the required annual physical inventory of all City-owned vehicles and equipment. This is a critical step in the safeguarding and accounting of the City's assets. We

appreciate the collaboration and cooperation of all the departments and staff involved to make this process effective and worthwhile. As a result of this physical inventory effort, over 700 items were properly identified, located, and tagged for further reporting compliance.

## **Special Districts Division**

City Manager's Report

#### City Doing Its Part to Save Water

Applications for Metropolitan Water District's (MWD) Turf Rebate Program have been submitted for an additional 34 locations. These applications are for turfed parkway irrigated with potable water. Originally, applications were submitted for the 11 turfed medians affected by the Governor's April 1st directive to stop watering them.

The City's total request is over \$1M for the 45 locations. Funds received through the program will assist in funding the replacement of turf with drought tolerant landscaping. Once

MWD conducts onsite inspections of the medians, the dead turf can be removed. Staff has

New World Systems

eSuite Training - Update v 9.2







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also requested an extension of the Program's deadline to replace the turf. Under normal conditions, the new landscaping needs to be installed within 120 days of application approval, putting us in the heat of the summer (worst time to plant). MWD has indicated a willingness to work with applicants, given the timing of the Governor's directive, and will notify us upon its final determination.

#### **Technology Services Division**

#### Fiber Optics Relocated

Due to the widening of Cactus Street, the fiber optic backbone cable at Cactus and Heacock that connects City Hall to the City Yard needed to be cut and relocated. The work was done on a Saturday to reduce any downtime for City facilities. The fiber cable carries voice and data traffic between the City Yard and City Hall, connects cameras in the Citywide Camera System to City Hall, and connects traffic controllers to the City network.

Additionally, IP (Internet Protocol) phones and a computer at the Cottonwood Golf Center are now connected to the City network via fiber optics. This will reduce the cost of telephone services at the Golf Center.

#### City Owned Tree Inventory

Public Works and GIS staff recently initiated the City-Owned Tree Inventory GPS Project. Public Works collected over 5,000 GPS locations of City-owned trees within its first month of data collection. The project is designed to provide an analysis tool that Public Works can use to determine if a tree is the responsibility of the City or the private property owner. Utilizing a mobile application developed by the GIS section, a GPS point is collected along with a low-resolution photo. By employing an intern, project efforts are focused without taking vital staff time away from other duties. After a short break over the summer, the project will commence again in August and collect the estimated 20,000 remaining asset records.

#### Moreno Valley Utility (MVU) Conversion Project

Over the course of the past two months, the Technology Services GIS section provided oversight for the Electric Utility conversion project and completed an update to the MVU Electric geodatabase. This update is reflected in the Moreno Valley Map Viewer as well as in hard copy maps and atlas books. The Moreno Valley Map Viewer provides ENCO and City staff with online access to all MVU asset records. It provides a link between the GIS data and as-built documents, 11 in this latest update, added to the more than 120 documents already associated with MVU records.

#### World Logistics Center Mapping

The GIS section is working closely with the Planning division on General Plan Amendment Exhibits for the proposed World Logistics Center (WLC) project area. The proposed changes to the General Plan Elements would result in a repeal of the current Moreno Highlands Specific Plan No. 212-1 and an adoption of the WLC Specific Plan. GIS will continue to provide mapping support along with analysis as needs arise.

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# Division Operation Center (DOC) GIS Emergency Response Application

The Technology Services GIS section has implemented a mobile solution for Maintenance and Operations Division Operations Center (DOC) to assist in severe weather incidents. As calls are received from residents, staff, and public safety officers, information is quickly put into a form by office staff and points are automatically placed onto a map. Field supervisors, using mobile tablets, can then see on a map in real time where incidents are occurring. Once field supervisors are onsite, they have the ability to prioritize the call and assess the situation to organize the proper equipment needed to resolve the job. GIS staff trained the Maintenance and Operations staff to get this application prepared for use when the need to deploy arises. In addition, there is a viewer on the public website to show residents where the closed roads are located and the roads where caution should be heeded.

## Treasury Operations Division

#### Investor Relations Webpage

The new Investor Relations webpage is "live" and can be found under the Financial & Management Services Department. This webpage was developed with two primary purposes in mind. The first is to provide a one-stop portal for the investment community, both for those who currently hold City-issued debt or those who are interested in buying these securities in the future. Second, but just as important, is to provide other interested parties, such as rating agencies, access to key financial and operational indicators. This page was a collaborative effort with all of the City's divisions that participate in the debt markets and was reviewed by a couple of outside financial firms to confirm that the data included was pertinent and appropriate. The City will continue to utilize the Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) database developed by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) as the primary location for ongoing disclosure requirements, as required by the Securities and Exchange Commission; but by also developing our own platform, we will be able to provide the public access to more information. The webpage will include bond disclosure data for each outstanding bond but will also include information on "Private Placement" debt, which is not considered public debt and is not included in the EMMA database. Links to other current financial data and analysis will be available as well. This method of communicating with both the investment community and the community at large has been adopted by agencies across the country and even by many of our neighboring agencies such as the City of Riverside, the County of Riverside and Western Municipal Water District.

#### **Bond Financing**

Treasury Operations is working with the Electric Utility Division and the newly created Bond Financing Team in preparation for issuing new debt related to the construction of additional infrastructure, to meet the growth in demand for electricity services on the southern industrial area of town. Discussions to date have been focused on identifying the projects to be funded by the bond and their associated costs, developing the appropriate financing structure and beginning the development of the related bond documents. The issue size is expected to be approximately \$26 million. The tentative schedule is as follows:

• End of May – Review by the Utility Commission and the Finance Subcommittee

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- July 14, 2015 City Council Approval
- Late July Bond Pricing
- Mid-August Bond Closing (funds available)

# **Business License Renewal**

Business Licenses renewals were officially due by January 31, 2015. In early December, approximately 7,400 renewal notices were sent out to businesses; through the end of April, approximately 6,100 businesses have renewed. Second and third notices have been sent to those businesses that have not responded.

	Onl	Online Business License Renewal Usage Comparative Trend (through April 2015)			arative Trend
	FY 2015	FY 2015 FY 2014 FY 2013 FY 2012 FY 2011			FY 2011
Number of Renewals	1,439	1,482	1,094	831	763
Business License Fees/Tax Paid	\$257,546	\$247,282	\$189,160	\$140,526	\$92,897
% of Revenue Received through On- Line portal	10.9%	11.6%	10.6%	8.9%	8.9%

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

# Fire Prevention

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Fire Safety Specialist Chris Cox, Fire Safety Supervisor Paul Villalobos, Fire Systems Inspector II Frank Martinez and Fire Marshal Adria Reinertson attended the Solar Photovoltaic Training workshop in the City of Downey. This training was co-sponsored by the Southern California Fire Prevention Officers and the Los Angeles Basin Chapter of the International Code Council. The training consisted of a comprehensive overview of legislation, code provisions and practical approaches for reviewing solar plans.

Fire Marshal Adria Reinertson attended the International Code Council hearings for the 2018 International Building Code, representing Riverside County Fire Department and the California Fire Chiefs Association. Adria provided testimony and reviewed approximately 700 proposed changes to the International Building Code.

In April, Moreno Valley Fire Safety Supervisor Paul Villalobos transferred to Riverside County Fire Department. Paul will remain assigned to the City of Moreno Valley in his new position. Additionally, Fire Systems Inspector Frank Martinez promoted to Fire Safety Specialist with Riverside County Fire Department and is now assigned to the Riverside County Office of the Fire Marshal.

# Office of Emergency Management

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Office of Emergency Management held a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Heartsaver course for all interested City employees. CPR is a lifesaving technique

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useful in many emergencies, including heart attack or near drowning, in which someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. During this course, students were taught rescue breathing techniques, chest compressions, and how to identify and save a victim of choking. Students were also taught the same procedures as they applied to infants and small children.



On April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department held a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) drill, in an effort to exercise MCI protocols including: coordination with the local area hospitals and Ambulance Company; communication; and incident organization. Engine companies from the cities of Indio, Calimesa, Beaumont, Desert Hot Springs, and unincorporated Riverside County also participated in the drill. Additionally, volunteers recruited from the Office of Emergency Management donated their time to play the role of victims for the training which offered a "real life" dynamic to the scenario.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Emergency Management Program Manager Alia Rodriguez facilitated an Emergency Operations Center Table Top Exercise. This discussion-based exercise involved key personnel to discuss hypothetical scenarios in an informal setting, which allowed participants to assess and validate already established plans, policies, facilities, equipment, and the Standardized Emergency Management



System (SEMS) process. The objectives for this drill were identified EOC Management, Communications and Response and Coordination.



On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Emergency Management Program Manager Alia Rodriguez, Telecommunications / Engineer Administrator Joe Lara and Telecommunications Technician Dandy Lachica reinstated the Amateur UHF Repeater system, which will allow for the City's Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) and surrounding amateur radio groups to communicate in an emergency incident.

Volunteer of the Year

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, Matthew Shoemaker was announced as the 2014 Volunteer of the Year. Matthew Shoemaker is a volunteer with MVTV-3. Matthew has been an integral part of the team, assisting with episodes and photographing the animals at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. His time and efforts have made a positive impact on the amount of animals adopted from the shelter. Additionally, he has assisted staff during City events such



as the Moreno Valley Wind Symphony, in which he was a vital camera operator for MVTV-3.

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## Fire Operations

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Riverside County Regional Medical Center held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Department Conference. Firefighter Paramedic Jeffrey Labahn, assigned to Morrison Park Station 99, presented a case overview for a pediatric cardiac arrest which occurred in the City of Moreno Valley late last year. During his presentation, Jeff provided the attendees with details of the Fire Department's response, assessment and treatment of a



juvenile who had overdosed on a medication. The patient was successfully resuscitated by Fire Department Paramedics, transported to an area hospital and continued to fight for her life for several days. Ultimately, the patient began to respond to the treatment being provided by hospital internist staff and has been transferred to a rehabilitation unit. She is, miraculously, expected to make a complete recovery.

#### Fire Department Significant Events

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Kennedy Park Engine 65 responded to a report of a patient with difficulty breathing. Upon arrival, firefighters located a patient lying in bed not breathing, with an unstable heart rate of 30 beats per minute. The crew took immediate action, providing artificial ventilations and initiating advanced life support treatment. The patient's condition rapidly improved, with the heart rate returning to a normal range. While en route to a local area hospital, Fire Department Paramedics, along with American Medical Response's (AMR) Paramedic, established an advanced airway and ensured the receiving facility would be ready to continue respiratory therapy. Upon leaving the hospital, the patient's condition had improved with a strong pulse and normal respirations.



On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Fire Department units from Moreno Valley were dispatched to a report of a structure fire in TownGate Fire Station 6's primary response area. The first arriving engine company reported a working fire in a single story residence, with an immediate exposure threat to an adjacent residence. The first arriving company officer requested two (2) additional engine companies due to the threatened exposures. The second house quickly became involved in flames, resulting in damage to the garage, attic and roof area; this prompted the request for additional engine companies. An aggressive, coordinated, interior attack with ventilation brought the fire under control in both residences within 45 minutes. The structure where the fire

originated received heavy damage throughout the home. The American Red Cross was requested and was available to provide temporary assistance to both families that were affected by this tragic event. There were no reported injuries to civilians or suppression personnel. Ten (10) fire engines, a Truck Company, a breathing support unit and three (3) Chief Officers were committed to the incident for three hours.

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On April 19<sup>th</sup>, Fire Department units from Moreno Valley and CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department were dispatched to a reported structure fire in Kennedy Park Fire Station 65's primary response area. The first arriving company reported heavy fire coming from the second floor window of a two story, single family residence, with a threat to the two neighboring homes. Through an



aggressive, coordinated, interior and exterior attack, the fire was controlled within 40 minutes and contained to the home of origin, with no damage to either neighboring properties. One firefighter was treated for minor injuries and transported to a local area hospital for evaluation.

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire in Moreno Beach Fire Station 58's primary response area. The first arriving engine company reported heavy fire throughout a single story, single family residence, with a threat to the two

adjacent homes and multiple vehicles on the property. While simultaneously initiating an aggressive interior and exterior attack, firefighters performed a possible victim search. All persons that lived in the building of origin were found to be accounted for. The fire was contained to the building of origin with no damage to either neighboring property. The family living on the property refused any assistance from The American Red Cross and there were



no injuries reported to civilians or Fire Department personnel.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kennedy Park Engine 65 responded to a report of a woman having heart complications. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located a 52-year-old woman sitting on the restroom floor, clutching her chest in serious distress. After a quick assessment, it was discovered that she has a history of life-threatening tachycardia. Further assessment by Firefighter Paramedics discovered that she was experiencing an unstable heart rate of 242 beats per minute and they were unable to acquire a blood pressure. Following the administration of cardiac medication by the Firefighter Paramedic, the patient's heart rate improved and firefighters were able to obtain a blood pressure. The patient immediately expressed relief from the severe discomfort. Engine 65's paramedic accompanied the patient during transport and continued to closely monitor the patient for changes in condition. Upon arrival to the hospital, the patient remained stable.



On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department responded to a traffic collision with reports of persons trapped in TownGate Fire Station 6's primary response area. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located an SUV that had struck a tree with one confirmed patient trapped inside. The patient was immediately attended to by Fire Department Paramedics while Sunnymead Truck 2 firefighters began the process of stabilizing the vehicle and extrication. Due to the complexity of the

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incident and the severity of the entrapment, an additional engine was requested to the scene while Fire Department personnel continued to work diligently to free the victim from the vehicle. Once the victim was extricated, she was transported to a local trauma center with moderate injuries.

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, Fire Department units from Moreno Valley Services responded to a reported structure fire in TownGate Fire Station 6's primary response area. Upon arrival, Towngate Engine 6 reported fire showing to the rear portion of the single story, single family residence. Sunnymead Engine 2, Towngate Engine 6, and Kennedy Park Engine 65 quickly contained the fire within 15 minutes of the incident. Due to the damage sustained, the American Red Cross was requested to



assist the family being displaced as a result of the fire. No injuries were reported to civilians or Fire Department Personnel.

#### PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Community Events

#### Mayor's Cup Soccer Challenge Tournament

Team MoVal competed in the Mayor's Cup Soccer Challenge Tournament on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Ramona High School in Riverside. The co-ed team of 20 began the tournament with a loss, but quickly rallied and won the remaining games, making them the tournament champions. They defeated the City of Riverside in a shootout and brought home the Mayor's Cup! Other participating cities included Victorville, Colton,



and Perris. The team was recognized during Special Presentations at the City Council meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Fest and Independence Day Parade

The Department has secured \$24,000 in sponsorship, with Skechers being the event's Presenting Sponsor. Remaining funds have been received from Waste Management, Discount Tire Centers, Coast Recreation, and several other vendors. Staff is securing parade judges and announcers and actively recruiting parade entries. A lottery registration was held for festival vendors on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Special Event Permits**

There are four (4) Special Event permits currently being processed:

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- The Mother's Day Family Fun Fest is scheduled on May 9<sup>th</sup> at Bethune Park. The organizer of the event has downsized the activities. The event will have a jumper, face painting, games, and vendors selling crafts and food.
- The Saint Christopher Catholic Church Walk-a-Thon is scheduled for Lasselle Sports Park on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The walk-a-thon will help raise money to expand the pre-school program at the church. There will be vendors selling food and crafts, as well as resource vendors.
- The Scooter Zone will have their second amateur scooter competition, AM Jam 2015, at Valley Skate Park on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be food for sale and sponsor booths. An admission will be charged for this event.
- Dancing Images will have a *Family Day and Dance Show* on August 8<sup>th</sup> at Ridgecrest Park from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This event will be open to the public.

# Administration

Bethune Park play equipment was showcased in the April 2015 issue of *Recreation Management* magazine in the Guide to Park Playgrounds and Furnishings.

YOUR VILLA magazine showcased their first annual Best of Moreno Valley Readers' Choice Awards. The 2015 results included:

- Rental Hall: The TownGate Community Center and Conference and Recreation Center tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Hiking Trail: Hidden Springs Paseo was 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- Park: Celebration Park was 1<sup>st</sup> place, TownGate Memorial Park was 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Cottonwood Golf Center was 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Annual Event: The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration won 1<sup>st</sup> place
- All new members of the various Parks and Community Services Department's Boards and Commissions have been sworn in by the City Clerk's office.
- Several Parks and Community Services Department staff have been appointed to various board positions with the California Parks and Recreation Society. Mel Alonzo was elected as the CPRS District 11 Treasurer for fiscal year 15/16. His main responsibility will be handling cash flow for the District. Tony Hetherman was appointed as President-Elect to the CPRS Development and Operations Board, and Kevin Callister was appointed as the CPRS Region 4 Representative.
- James C. Baker II has served on the City of Moreno Valley's Parks and Recreation Commission since June 24, 2008, and as

Chairman since July 11, 2013. He leads by example, attending every event by Moreno Valley's Parks and Community Services Department, and encouraging other Commissioners to do likewise. He spearheaded the effort for a dedicated sign for the Hound Town Dog Park. Chairman Baker designed the float and headed the construction effort on the 2014 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The float won the Sweepstakes





Award. Through his dedicated support he attended the Moreno Valley's 2014 YouthFest and the Moreno Valley's 2014 ArtoberFest. As a private citizen, James C. Baker II led volunteers in maintaining and lighting the "M" on Box Springs Mountain. Chairman Baker is a strong supporter of parks and recreation; recognizing excellent recreational facilities and programs to enhance everyone's quality of life.



## **Community Services Division**

New registrations of the *Time for Tots* program for children ages three to five years continued to increase as summer approached.

#### **Recreation Programs**

All three sites were consistently full of children preparing for kindergarten as the 2014-2015 school year concluded. The registered participants enjoyed a fun-filled, educational, and creative themed curriculum during the month of May. In addition to the curriculum, special activity days were held throughout the month,

including Silly Day, Cinco de Mayo Celebrations, Mother's Day Celebration, Frog Day, an educational field trip to the fire station and the annual end of the school year celebrations. More than 100 mothers/grandmothers/aunts joined the children and staff for the annual Mother's Day Celebration on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Conference and Recreation Center ballroom was full of music, multiple crafts, and song performances by the program's participants.





On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the children took a walking field trip from TownGate Community Center to Fire Station #6 at TownGate. More than 120 children and parents visited the station and had first-hand tours of the various trucks, equipment, kitchen, and sleeping quarters of the local firefighters. Staff thanks Fire Station #6 for being such gracious hosts and answering the many (many) questions the children asked.

The end of the regular school year will come to a close on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The Time for Tots staff are preparing for the Summer sessions beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Recreation staff is planning the fun-filled activities and curriculum for the Summer *Valley Kids Camp* and the new *Valley Teen Camp* that will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This Summer, children will enjoy field trips, arts, crafts, lightly competitive games, and seasonal activities. Attending participants are sure to enjoy the newly revamped program designed to entertain. Summer Valley Kids Camp and Valley Teen Camp will run until the participants return to school in mid-August.

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The annual *Spring Contract Class Performance* was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Conference and Recreation Center. The Grand Valley Ballroom was filled with more than 900 family members and friends to support more than 200 contract class participants.

#### Contract Classes

With the new Summer brochure out, a variety of new *Contract Classes* have been introduced. New classes being introduced include: Dog Obedience, Basic Spanish for Kids, Lego Engineering Camp, S.A.T. Boot Camp, Robotics Camp, and Yoga 101.

The special needs adult program, *Sunshine Social Club*, had a Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The staff helped the participants create flower headbands and tissue paper flowers for decorations. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, the Sunshine Social Club participants had a video game night where they played Wii games, including sports and dance games. The





participants also held Rock-n-Bowl night on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Brunswick Bowling in Moreno Valley. The participants got to bowl while enjoying pizza and drinks with all their friends in the program.

## Senior Community Center

- AARP prepared taxes for free to 699 patrons in 46 days between February 2<sup>nd</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. That is an average of 15 patrons per day.
- On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 we celebrated Cinco de Mayo in the Banquet Hall. The seniors were served grilled chicken tacos with all the trimmings plus rice and beans. We had about 75 seniors attend the event, which was sponsored by Prime Care.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015, we had our Annual Mother's Day Garden Party. We traditionally have that event outside, but due to inclement weather, we had to move it inside to the Banquet Hall. About 85 seniors were served assorted sandwiches, cakes, pudding, cookies, candy and tasty teas. This event was sponsored by Prime Care.
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Senior Prom in the Banquet Hall. We had live performances by a Zumba dance team and our soul line dancing class. About 80 seniors were served dinner while listening to the DJ playing all their favorite tunes. There was a digital photo booth in the lobby with all kinds of props and disguises to take pictures with. We had a prom King and Queen. The event was sponsored by Prime Care.
- We have added 3 new classes to our senior programs:
  - Greeting Card class where you can learn how to make and create your own personalized greeting cards for any occasion.

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- Soul Line Dancing class offers a different take on the typical line dance class.
- Song Writing class offers you the opportunity to learn from a professional song writer on the art of creating your own lyrics.

## <u>Sports</u>

- *FootGolf* had more than 200 participants play within the first three months of opening. This new sport should continue to grow in popularity as staff introduces tournaments and leagues.
- Registration is underway for the *Summer Youth and Teen Basketball League*. This is open to youth ages 8-17 years old. It will run through the Summer months of June and July, to keep the youth busy during the time away from school. Teams will play during weeknights and Saturdays at the Conference and Recreation Center.
- The *Pee Wee and Junior Flag Football League* is underway at Lasselle Sports Park. A Junior Plus division has been added and has more than 200 youth participants ages 3 to 9 years old. Practices and games were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the month of May.
- Registration is underway for the upcoming *Adult Softball League* that will begin in June. The current league is finishing up their exciting playoffs. Men's teams will play on Thursday nights in either the "C" or "D" divisions. Coed teams will play on Sunday nights in either the competitive or non-competitive leagues.

## Parks Maintenance Division

Parks Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Installed posts at Ridgecrest Park restroom shelters
- Trimmed flower beds at Lasselle Sports Park
- Finished hedges at El Potrero West Park
- Resurfaced tennis courts at Woodland Park
- Sprayed Zone 3 weeds
- Aerated greens, overseeded and trimmed hedges, and spread mulch at golf course
- Overseeded parks
- Trimmed hedges at Pedrorena Park
- Replaced lamps on score boards at Morrison, Sunnymead and March Field
- Weed abated equestrian center, March Field and Hidden Springs
- Installed benches at dog park

Following projects are in progress:

- Install posts at Fairway Park restroom shelters
- Replace post on Sunnymead Park shelter
- Paint Hidden Springs and Sunnymead Park shelters
- Install 290 recycle trash containers at all park sites (80% complete)
- Repair south trails (ongoing)
- Repair roofs at El Potrero Park East and West and Woodland Parks (ongoing)
- Grade ball field infields

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- Aerate and fertilize sports fields in Zone 2
- Repair fencing at Sunnymead Park, JFK tennis courts and baseball field
- Irrigation checks at all parks (75% complete)
- Trim trees in Zone A parks (90% complete)
- Trim hedges in Zone 1 and 2 parks (80% complete)
- Repair lighting in Zone 1 and 2 parks
- Robbie is on vacation; we have a mainline leak at the Golf Course
- The wrought iron fence next to the gates at the Golf Course has been vandalized; waiting on a quote from Valley Cities Fence to repair
- Groom the soccer arena with rubber and the groomer; glue all seams that need it
- Overseed bare spots at Celebration, El Potrero East and West, and any other parks that need it
- Repair sprinklers at El Potrero East and West Park
- Repair main line leak at Victoriano Park
- Repair light poles at El Potrero East and West Parks (install new poles and wire)
- Repair the trails in the south
- Irrigation checks in all parks
- Irrigation checks for EMWD at Celebration, Vista Lomas, Lasselle, and Rancho Verde
- Install vent covers at Ridgecrest Park
- Install fence at Celebration Park
- Rhino grip the slab at Celebration Park
- Repair caulking at Celebration Park
- Install new cannon and probes at Celebration Park
- Celebration Park is ready for opening day
- Install quick coupler valves to ball fields at Shadow Mountain
- Repair, slurry and stripe parking lots at Bethune, El Potrero, Gateway, JFK, Morrison, Pedrorena and Ridgecrest
- Install new weather-based controllers at TownGate Park
- Grade out and add DG to picnic pads at Hidden Springs Eucalyptus grove area
- Remove and repair fencing at West Bluff Park

## Vandalism and Graffiti

Parks Maintenance staff spent 29 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 13 park sites in April. Through April (calendar year 2015), 123<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours (15 work days) were required to abate/repair damage to park property due to vandalism and graffiti.

## Park Ranger Statistics

Park Rangers patrolled 2,625 areas, had 5,187 public contacts, and issued 189 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol in April. Through April (calendar year 2015), patrolled 9,528 areas, had 18,666 public contacts, and issued 515 citations.

## Court Referral Workers

Court referrals worked 783 hours (87 work days) in April. Through April (calendar year 2015), court referrals worked 3,031 hours (368 work days).

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## Parks Projects Program

## **Completed Projects**

• The roof at Fairway Park has been replaced.

## Projects in Progress

- Replace the wood surfacing on the pedestrian bridge from *Sunnymead Park* ball fields to the play apparatus with a composite material that will be ADA compliant.
- Install an ADA compliant counter at the Senior Community Center.

# Child Care Grant Programs

## THINK Together

- In an effort to increase the appeal of the Extended-Learning program to older youth and improve the middle school program, THINK has implemented an organization-wide Middle School Task Force (MSTF) over the past three years, meeting on a monthly basis. The MSTF is comprised of front line staff, supervisors, and regional leaders focusing on middle school student recruitment and retention, middle school staff recruitment and retention, and older-youth focused academic enrichment and clubs. Through the MSTF, a contest was held starting in October 2014 for students to re-design the uniform of THINK Together front line staff. Designs were submitted from all over Southern California and the Bay Area. After all the hard work from both students and staff, the winner was 7<sup>th</sup> grader Kayla Ramos from Tomas Rivera Middle School in the Val Verde Unified School District.
- Important dates include:
  - May 1: Science Fair
  - May 2: CAASPP Support Strategies Training
  - May 14: Cheerleading Competition
  - May 16: LA84 Soccer Finals
  - June 12: Closure date for elementary THINK programs
- The THINK Together's Annual Reading Contest came to a close last month with the following results:

#### **Highest Points: Elementary**

Elementary Schools	Overall Points
Sugar Hill	20,365
Bear Valley	8,012
Wildomar	7,200
Val Verde	6,474
Chaparral Hills	5,326
Midland	5,310

#### Highest Points: Middle

Middle Schools	Overall Points
Vista Verde	935
Palm	725

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Top Readers: Elementary

Name	School	Individual Points
Lori Boswell	Sugar Hill	2,695
Dennis Sievers	Sugar Hill	2,385
Nathan Gomez	Sugar Hill	2,295
Wendy Nguyen	Val Verde	1,028

#### Top Readers: Middle

Name	School	Individual Points
Kevin Calleres	Vista Verde	85

## A Child's Place

- "A Child's Place" is preparing for the upcoming summer camp that begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff has been preparing for a new Summer curriculum STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Education. Students will be learning how to work in groups while working on different projects that have children observe, predict, and investigate.
- Staff will also be attending CPR training on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

# Facility Rentals

Conference and Recreation Center

- The Jehovah's Witnesses hosted their annual service with two separate services, for a combined attendance of more than 800 guests.
- The Moreno Valley Unified School District hosted an African American Parent Night, with more than 400 in attendance. Their keynote speaker was Roland Martin, former CNN news reporter.
- The Moreno Valley Ballet Folklorico Scholarship Association hosted their annual performance, with more than 400 in attendance. MVUSD Superintendent Dr. Judy White and Council Member LaDonna Jempson helped award the scholarships to the nine winners.
- The SDSU School of Social Work organized eight trainings in Alessandro A and B for the county social workers to update their professional credentials.
- Riverside County DPSS held their Self-Sufficiency Leadership Forum, with more than 250 in attendance.
- The Riverside County Regional Medical Center hosted their Annual Emergency Department Conference. Chief Ahmad was in attendance along with 200 emergency personnel from surrounding areas. This all-day conference included breakfast and lunch and there were 17 exhibitors on the east patio.
- The Islamic Academy of Riverside held their first large fundraiser in Moreno Valley. More than 250 guests were welcomed by Mayor Molina.
- The Moreno Valley Wind Symphony performed their third concert for the 2014-2015 season. The theme was "Celebrating Song and Dance" and there were more than 300 in attendance. June 4<sup>th</sup> will be their final concert of the season and the theme is "We Hold These Truths." This concert will include all your patriotic favorites covered in their annual salute to the red, white, and blue.

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#### Senior Community Center

The **Senior Community Center** held 4 events during April, including a two-day women's conference, a wedding reception with 150 guests, a 15<sup>th</sup> birthday party with 150 guests, and a Home Owners Association Meeting with 30 attendees.

#### TownGate Community Center

The *TownGate Community Center* held 15 events during April, including church services, the Rose Society, Riverside County Public Health Training with 30 attendees, the City's holiday craft workshop, a Canyon Springs High School banquet with 120 attendees, a 15<sup>th</sup> birthday party with 125 guests, and a wedding reception with 150 guests.

#### Cottonwood Golf Center

The *Cottonwood Golf Center* held 12 events during April, including church services, Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce's After Hours Connection with 75 attendees, a baby shower with 45 guests, a Girl Scouts recruitment meeting, and an adult birthday party with 45 guests.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Case of the Month

In mid-March, MVPD officers responded to a residence to assist the Moreno Valley Fire Department with a residential fire. Shortly after arriving, officers realized the residence was being used for cultivating marijuana. Nobody was located inside of the residence and it was unknown who was living there. Officers with the MVPD Special Enforcement Team responded to take over the investigation. Further investigation revealed the residence was being used as a honey oil lab. Officers were able to locate two adult males, at a local hospital, suffering from burns to their arms face and legs. MVPD officers obtained and served a search warrant at the residence and located evidence of drug sales and paperwork showing the two burned subjects were staying at the residence. Once the investigation was completed officers charged both subjects with manufacturing drugs, sales of drugs, theft of utilities, and arson.

In early March, officers with the MVPD responded to several vehicle burglaries at two large adjacent warehouses located in the City. The vehicle burglaries were persistent over a two week period and there were no suspect leads in the burglaries. Officers with the MVPD Burglary Suppression Team conducted an undercover operation with security officers from the businesses, over a three day period. During the operation officers were able to detain an adult male who was seen on previous occasions and was a possible suspect in prior vehicle burglaries. Officers observed a suspicious vehicle pull into the parking lot. An adult male was seen exiting the vehicle and looking into windows of employee vehicles, parked in the parking lot. One of the security officers drove near the suspicious vehicle and the suspicious male entered his vehicle and drove away quickly out of the parking lot. Officers conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and detained and adult male and adult female. Further investigation revealed evidence of drug sales, identity theft, and mail fraud. Officers

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also located burglary tools inside of the vehicle. During the operation three subjects were arrested and booked into jail.

#### **Community Services**

#### Community Zone Policing Meetings

Our last Zone meeting was held in Zone 1, on March 18, 2015 at Sunnymead Ranch Lake Club. These meetings are held to discuss issues in specific zones within the City. During the meeting, Police Chief Joel Ontiveros gave updates to the community and answered questions regarding crime statistics in their specific zone.



#### Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop event was held in Zone 3, on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Farmer Boy's Restaurant located at 15991 Perris Blvd. These events are held in casual environments to help promote communication and build relationships between the MVPD and residents. At these events, there is no agenda, only conversations about any concerns regarding public safety.



#### <u>Volunteers</u>

The MVPD relies heavily on volunteer forces to assist with providing valued service to the citizens of Moreno Valley. Our MVPD volunteers have logged more than 1,100 hours this past month. The MVPD Community Services has set a goal to increase their volunteer forces by 20% in 2015. Below is a list of current positions where we rely heavily on our volunteer forces:

- Citizens Patrol Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked patrol units;
- Anti-Graffiti Patrol Non uniform patrol in unmarked vehicles to assist in surveillance and reporting of graffiti vandals;
- Front Office Assistant Assists front office personnel with day to day activities;
- Incident Call Out Responds to major incidents within the City to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons;
- City Wide Camera System Monitors call board and review related camera angles to assist with gathering



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information on calls for service, proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas.

#### Citywide Camera System

The Moreno Valley Citywide Camera system has assisted in over 875 investigations since its implementation. The Camera system has assisted in solving everything from missing persons to petty theft and homicides. The monitoring of the Citywide Camera System is conducted by light duty officers and volunteers. Camera System volunteers have logged over 150 hours this past month. MVPD is in the process of adding



cameras to three additional parks and one intersection for 2015. We will also be implementing a GPS mapping system that will make use of the camera system much faster and more efficient.

## Traffic Division

Enforcement events the traffic team is involved with includes:

- Motorcycle Enforcement
- Pedestrian decoy programs / one conducted this past month
- DUI Saturation Patrols
- DUI Checkpoints



On April 3, 2015, a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint was conducted at Frederick Street and Sunnymead Blvd. During the checkpoint, 1,244 vehicles passed through, 5 DUI arrests were made, 13 arrests were made for subjects driving on a suspended or no driver license and 29 additional citations were written for various violations.

# Special Enforcement Team

This multi-focus team currently consists of the MVPD gang unit, drug enforcement unit, problem oriented policing unit, and burglary and robbery suppression unit. The following is a list of enforcement activities the Special Enforcement Team is currently involved with:

- High visibility patrol on Sunnymead Blvd
- Homeless, quality of life issues
- Bicycle Patrol
- Vice operations
- Illegal gambling
- Shoulder tap/ABC compliance operations
- Off road vehicle enforcement
- Crime Free Multi-housing meetings
- Assisting with zone meetings
- Currently working over thirty specific zone complaints throughout the City

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#### **April Statistics**

During this past month, the MVPD multi-focus team arrested 87 subjects for felony crimes, 17 subjects for misdemeanor crimes and 25 subjects for City Municipal Code violations. They also recovered over \$25,000 in stolen property, recovered 4 stolen vehicles, and recovered 7 stolen guns and seized over 70 pounds of various narcotics. The MVPD multi-focus team also gave 7 presentations at local community meetings or schools related to gang awareness and crime prevention awareness.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

#### **Capital Projects**

#### Fire Station 48 Remodeling

The general contractor completed the interior painting in April 2015. The sub-contractor is installing tile floor in the restroom and kitchen area. The contractor continues with roof installation and interior cabinets. Construction is anticipated to be completed by June 2015 (weather permitting).





#### Corporate Yard Facility Phase 1- Administration Building

The contractor, Keystone Builders, has completed rough grading, swales grading and on site storm drain pipes installation. The preparation of the building pad has been completed and inspected and is therefore ready for building concrete foundation. The contractor is installing onsite sewer, water lines, and electrical conduits for power and communication. Construction is anticipated to be completed by March 2016 (weather permitting).





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## Nason Street Improvements from Cactus Avenue to Fir Avenue

The project construction continues well on schedule. New concrete sidewalk and driveways along Nason Street from Alessandro Boulevard to Fir Avenue have been completed in the residential area. In addition, the contractor has completed base installation for roadway along both sides of Nason Street. Time Warner Cable, and Sunesys have completed undergrounding their overhead facilities. Verizon and Southern California Edison continue the installation of cables and electrical wires through the new underground conduits and structures. Construction is anticipated to be completed by October 2015 (weather permitting).





#### Perris Boulevard Widening from Ironwood Ave. to Manzanita Ave.

The concrete work is near completion on the west side of the roadway, which includes curb and gutter, sidewalk, and driveways. The contractor has begun paving the southbound lanes and upon completion, construction will begin on the median improvements.

Construction is anticipated to be completed by October 2015 (weather permitting).





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## Cactus Avenue Eastbound Third Lane Widening From Veterans Way to Heacock Street, Stage II

The City contractor continues working on the retaining wall and utility relocations. This project will add a new eastbound lane between Veterans Way and Heacock Street. The improvement includes pavement, sidewalks, curb and gutter, storm drains, retaining wall, and modifications to existing traffic signals. Construction is anticipated to conclude by November 2015 (weather permitting).





## Cycle 3 and 4 Pedestrian and Bicycle Enhancements

The City contractor has completed construction on this project. Improvements included sidewalks and reconstruction of thirty one (31) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access ramps. Improvements also included construction of new sidewalk along Graham Street and Indian Street. Furthermore, bicycle lanes were striped on Indian Street from Alessandro Boulevard to Cottonwood Avenue.





The thirty one (31) ADA access ramps were constructed at the following locations: Intersections Number of Ramps

John F. Kennedy Drive and Legendary Street	3
Bay Avenue and Pecan Place	3
John F. Kennedy Drive and Blueberry Road	2
<ul> <li>Eucalyptus Avenue and Edgemont Drive</li> </ul>	2
Heacock Street and Bay Avenue	4
<ul> <li>Heacock Street and Dracaea Avenue</li> </ul>	4

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<ul> <li>Eucalyptus Avenue and Kochi Drive</li> </ul>	2
<ul> <li>Wordsworth Road and Boccaccio Court</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>Athens Drive and Spring Crest Road</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>Los Cabos Dive and Plaza Sonada Way</li> </ul>	3
<ul> <li>Heacock Street and Kernwood Street</li> </ul>	2

## SR-60/Redlands Interchange Study Project

Consistent with anticipated growth in Eastern Moreno Valley, the City Council has approved the first step in studying the State Route 60 Interchange location for potential long-term upgrades. The interchange was the only one remaining in Eastern Moreno Valley within full City Limits for which the formal Caltrans process had not been initiated. Once Council designated funds, staff issued a request for consulting firms to propose on a study-phase document called a Project Study Report/Project Development Support. The study, which will take one year to 18 months, will identify various reconfigurations and potential costs of the bridge, ramps, and freeway lanes. Consultant selection is anticipated to be complete by July 2015. Once the study document is complete, the City and Caltrans will be in an excellent position to apply for future funds.

## East Sunnymead Boulevard Storm Drain

On May 12, 2015, the City Council approved a contract with Mamco, Inc. for the construction of the East Sunnymead Boulevard Storm Drain project. This project includes the installation of 36-inch-diameter storm drain lines on the north side of Sunnymead Boulevard, between Indian Street and SR-60/Perris Boulevard Eastbound Off-Ramp within the public right of way. The purpose of the project is to mitigate the frequent flooding on Sunnymead Boulevard and minimize flood related damages to public roads, while enhancing safety for commuters using this road. Prior to start of construction, staff plans to hold a public outreach/information meeting with all business owners within and near the project limits to provide construction information and answer questions. The construction is anticipated to start in mid-June 2015 and be completed in November 2015.

## Reche Vista Drive Realignment

Bid opening for the Reche Vista Drive Realignment project was May 8, 2015, and the low bidder was Vance Corporation. A recommendation will be made to City Council at the June 9, 2015 meeting to award a construction contract to Vance Corporation. This project will replace the existing winding segment of Reche Vista Drive from the intersection of Perris Boulevard and Heacock Street to County Road (northern City Limits) with new, straight and wider roadway, to enhance safety for commuters using this road. The construction is anticipated to start in mid-July 2015 and be completed in April 2016.

## <u>Heacock Street Improvements from San Michele Road to Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral</u> <u>"A"</u>

City Council awarded a construction contract to Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. on December 9, 2014 to construct street improvements on Heacock Street from San Michele Road to Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "A". The project will widen this segment of Heacock Street from two to four lanes, where only two lanes currently exist, and otherwise rehabilitate existing

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pavement within the same project limits. Sidewalk and streetlights are also proposed as part of the project. Eastern Municipal Water District, Western Municipal Water District, and Southern California Edison have relocated their respective facilities. Construction is nearing completion, with all improvements excluding pavement striping and hydro seeding of adjacent parkway areas. When completed, the project improvements will facilitate access and economic vitality to an area that currently includes Proctor and Gamble, Amazon, and Cardinal Glass. The project is primarily funded with Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) funds and supplemented with Measure A funds. Construction is anticipated to conclude by October 2015 (weather permitting).



Looking south, paving complete south of bridge. Here is where the four lanes of road widening will connect to existing improvements.



Looking north, paving complete south of bridge. Additional widening will create four lanes plus a continuous turn lane.

# Transportation Engineering

## State Route 60 / Theodore Street Interchange

The Theodore Street Bridge at SR-60 has been closed since January due to a large piece of trailered construction equipment striking the underside of the structure. Caltrans assessed the damage and determined that it was necessary to close the bridge to north and southbound traffic while they facilitate repairs. Caltrans issued an emergency contract with Skanska Construction to replace three damaged girders and a portion of the concrete bridge deck. However, the discovery of protected migratory birds within the work area has delayed the scheduled repairs. To address the delay, Caltrans has installed temporary traffic signals to accommodate one-way traffic across the interchange. Repair work will resume when Caltrans biological staff determine the migratory birds have left the work area.

#### Morrison Street and Petaluma Avenue

The existing school crosswalk at Morrison Street and Petaluma Avenue was upgraded to enhance the visibility of school-age pedestrians attending Mountain View Middle School. The improvements consist of additional signing, a continental-style crosswalk, advanced yield markings, and Rectangular Rapid Flash



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Beacons (RRFB). In-house staff performed all required work, including signing and striping, pouring of pole foundations, and sidewalk repairs.

#### Graham Street Bike Lanes

As part of our continual efforts to enhance the safety and mobility of the cycling community, staff installed Class II bike lanes on Graham Street between Alessandro Boulevard and Sunnymead Boulevard. A sandblasting contractor removed all of the striping and available road width was re-purposed (referred to as a "lane diet") to accommodate new six-foot bike lanes. In-house staff performed all new striping and signing installations.





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