

## **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

From: Michelle Dawson, City Manager

## **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

#### Administration

## Changes at City Hall - Leadership on Course

The City Council accepted Henry Garcia's notice of retirement. It was with unanimous gratitude, that the Mayor and Council thanked Henry for his leadership and contributions to our community. The Council also took action appointing me as your City Manager. I am humbled and excited to accept the position and consider it a vote of confidence from the Council to the entire City team. I consider it to be acknowledgement of our <u>collective</u> hard work and continued dedication to the City of Moreno Valley.

I have appointed Tom Desantis, our Human Resources and Administrative Services Director for the past year and a half, as Assistant City Manager. Tom brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that has been invaluable to the City, having served as a Deputy County Executive Officer with Riverside and San Bernardino counties, Chief of Staff to the 4<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor in San Bernardino County and as the City of Riverside's Assistant City Manager.

With stable leadership raised up from within the City's executive team, our city government is in good hands.

Event Coordination - Memorial Day

• West Coast Thunder Parade: The City Manager's Office coordinated with West Coast Thunder to bring the annual Memorial Day motorcycle parade through Moreno Valley for the first time.

What began in 1999 as a small motorcycle ride out to Riverside National Cemetery with eight close friends has grown into the largest Harley Davidson biker-memorial day event west of the Mississippi River. This year, they extended their ride into Moreno Valley around, riding along Sunnymead from Frederick and re-entering SR 60 at Heacock.

• City Sunset Ceremony: The City Manager's Office also coordinated the ceremonies honoring Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. Riverside County Sheriff-Coroner Stan Sniff provided the keynote, delivering words of thanks and remembrance. Additional special guests included members of the City Council, the nationally recognized CDF Fire Fighters Honor Guard, the Moreno Valley Master Chorale, the Valley View High School Crimson Regiment Marching Band, and the Knights of Columbus A. F. Chelbana Assembly.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Human Resources Division

MotiVate Wellness: The City's employee wellness program remains extremely active, featuring a Lunch & Learn program on Elder Care issues, presented in partnership with the Riverside County Office on Aging. The seminar assisted employees facing, or preparing for, the challenges associated with caring for aging parents or older adults. As the second installment of our program, this month's session provided detailed information regarding financial issues facing seniors and their caregivers. Topics included Medical Directives, Powers of Attorney, Insurance (Life/Health), Trust Documents, and Income & Asset Information.

*Talent Management:* Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are focused on the following openings:

- Child Care Site Supervisor (PT/Temp Seasonal with Benefits). Closes 5/29/13. Permit Technician-Land Development (FTC). Closes 5/23/13.
- OEM-Program Manager (PAM, 74 total applicants to date). Applications under review, interviews pending.
- Principal Accountant (FTC, 48 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Engineering Intern I (2-PT/Temp, 171 applicants). One candidate selected; selection for 2nd candidate under review.
- Management Analyst- CEDD/Land Development (FTC, 161 applicants). Selection pending.
- Fire Safety Specialist (FTC, 64 applicants). Applications under review.
- Parks Maintenance Worker (FTC). Candidate selected from eligibility list, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Aide-Sports (17) /Senior Center (1) (PT/Temp, 176 applicants). Eighteen candidates selected, recruitment closed.

- Recreation Program Leader (PTC, 173 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Code Compliance Officer I (PT/Temp, 149 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Budget Officer (PAM, 84 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Financial Operations Division Manager (DMG, 47 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Animal Care Technician (FTC, 208 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Sr. Electrical Engineer (PAM). Candidate selected, recruitment closed. (Kim)

## Purchasing & Facilities Division

As part of the City Hall 2nd Level Floor Replacement Project, Facilities has determined that minor repairs to the interior walls are required to complete this renovation. The work will be completed along with the ongoing flooring/roofing/seismic project.

## Animal Services Division

Animal Services April 2013 Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic Results

The Animal Services Division held a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic at the Animal Shelter on Saturday, April 27, 2013. Dog owners lined up their pets at the Animal Shelter's entrance just before 8:30 a.m. preparing for their pets to be updated on their rabies vaccinations as well as have an opportunity to update other important pet vaccinations at discounted prices. Results of the clinic:

Number of Dogs Receiving Rabies Vaccination:57Number of Dogs Receiving a 5-in-1 Vaccination:51Number of Bordetella Vaccines Administered to32Dogs:

Number of Dog Licenses Sold: 49

## Animal Services Welcomes New Intern

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter's ongoing partnership with the Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity (MVYOC) provides young adults an opportunity to gain valuable work experience. As an approved worksite, the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter recently welcomed our new intern, Victoria Romo, from MVYOC. The Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center provides young adults formal training to prepare them to enter the workforce. Interns from MVYOC are paired up with city staff at the Animal Shelter to introduce the interns to actively participate in a majority of daily operational tasks. Shelter staff is excited to begin working with Victoria Romo, an energetic individual who has expressed her interest in working in the animal welfare industry.

Bud's Tire Pros Partners with Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to Help Pets Find New Homes

On Earth Day, Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Buds' Tire Pros and the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter successfully adopted 27 dogs and 2 cats during a day-long pet adoption event.



Those who adopted a dog or cat not only received a lifelong loving pet at special discounted adoption rates but also received a Free vehicle oil change, tire rotation and 21-point safety inspection from Bud's Tire Pros. Bud's Tire Pros partnering with the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is a great example of a public-private partnership that benefits local business, the community and our pets from the Animal Shelter. Pictured in front of Buds' Tire Pros is one shelter dog that was not adopted but will be returning at a later date for another great pet adoption event!

Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Partners with Val Verde Unified School District WorkAbility Program

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter and Moreno Valley Unified School District recently entered into an agreement that allows students on the job training through VVUSD's WorkAbility I Program, a nationally recognized school-to-work program. This program provides students job training and work experience to benefit students, employers and the community. Students with an interest in animal welfare will be matched with the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter as their approved worksite allowing students to gain valuable work experience. Students will be trained to perform a variety of tasks ranging from basic clerical functions to caring for companion animals. The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is now an approved worksite for both school districts serving the students of Moreno Valley.

# MorenoValleyUnifiedSchoolDistrictRecognizesMorenoValleyAnimalShelterWithOutstandingEmployer Award

On May 8<sup>th</sup> the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter was recognized at the annual WorkAbility awards banquet by the Moreno Valley Unified School District's WorkAbility Program with their "Outstanding Employer Award." The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is an approved WorkAbility worksite where high school juniors and seniors receive training and mentoring opportunities to help prepare students for the workforce of tomorrow.

This year, two students from Canyon Springs High School worked alongside shelter staff and volunteers performing a variety of tasks with the goal of providing the proper care and treatment for the many companion animals at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. Many local businesses participate each year in the WorkAbility Program providing students an opportunity to explore career awareness and career exploration as well as demonstrate how skills learned in school relate to those skills used in the work place.

#### Animal Control Officer Darla West Attends Career Day at Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School

Animal Control Officer Darla West has participated in a number of school presentations during her career and she was again recently invited to attend career day at Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Officer West visited 5 classrooms filled with 1st and 2nd grade students, talking with them about staying on task and completing their work, being a responsible pet owner, how to treat pets with kindness, and what to do when meeting a new dog when visiting a friend's home. Questions varied from students including how many alligators and panda bears she has found in Moreno Valley.

## The Tale of Two Dogs

On April 18, 2013 Animal Control Officer Mary Jacquez responded to a call for two stray dogs in the area of Sugarhill in Moreno Valley. Officer Jacquez located both dogs and impounded them at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, placing them on hold for their owner to reclaim their pets. The owners never reclaimed their pets. The story of these two dogs (one male and one female from the same litter) resulted in the placement of five dogs in lifelong loving homes and an unexpected donation to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter on April 25, 2013.

The two dogs, both mixed terriers, drew the interest of several potential adopters who drove more than 3 hours to visit with the dogs at our Animal Shelter. The new owners, both from different communities in Southern California, made their way into the shelter lobby to complete their adoption transactions. The two owners learned of the two dogs being siblings, both had driven a long distance to meet the dogs and that both were being adopted simultaneously; that in itself makes this a great story...but fortunately for three more dogs, the story gets better.

While our one new dog owner completed his adoption transaction, he decided that \$1,000 would be a fair exchange for a lifelong companion and decided the balance of his adoption fees should be used to help more pets find good homes. As the transaction concluded, a distraught man entered the Animal Shelter lobby with a beautiful male German shepherd on leash, named "Hawk." Hawk's owner was unable to take his dog of over 6 years with him to Chicago the following morning. The journey to Chicago was being made to care for his ailing brother and his destination would not allow pets. Hawk's owner tried to re-home Hawk with friends, relatives and even some animal rescue organization to no avail. During his last goodbyes to Hawk, the owner was emotionally drained and sobbed while asked his dog to forgive him. Hawk looked up at him with his big brown eyes, and licked his owner's hand.

Our new dog owner who adopted his new pet for \$1,000 then approached Hawk's owner and extended his kindness by offering to sponsor Hawk in a foster placement.

Several days later Hawk was placed with an animal rescue organization in the Animal Shelter's "three dog deal," where two young highly adoptable German shepherds along with Hawk, a 6 year old male, were bundled together as a rescue adoption. Timing is everything, the animal rescue organization had a retired couple, who raised German shepherds in the past and knew the breed very well, were searching for a 5 to 6 year old male German shepherd. Hawk was the perfect candidate.

All five dogs are now in lifelong loving homes. Our potential adopter who made a generous donation to the Animal Shelter and who inspired shelter staff with his kindness to man and man's best friend is Nick Brandt. More about Nick Brandt and his life's work can be found by visiting <u>www.nickbrandt.com</u>

Hawk's owner, Melvin who is now in Chicago caring for his ailing brother, was notified about Hawk's placement. Melvin was grateful for the assistance provided to Hawk and he is hoping someday he could rescue another pet to be his companion. Yet another dog to be adopted!

## Library

## New E-Reference Library

As part of a promotion, Gale Cengage Learning has given the Library 15 free reference e-books from the Gale Virtual Reference Library. Covering such subjects as history, biography, religion, law and medicine, these e-books offer students and other researchers unlimited and simultaneous use and can be cross-searched across the collection. Just log in with your library card on the library website for full access to this collection.

## Cover to Cover Reading Club

More than 500 children participated in the recent "Cover to Cover" reading club sponsored by In-N-Out Burger, reading a total of 2,625 books and earning 525 certificates. This represents a 66% increase over last year's program! We appreciate the generosity of In-N-Out Burger in providing free hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and cheese sandwiches as an incentive for young children to read.

## Library Receives LSTA Grant Award

The California State Library recently announced that one-time Library Services Technology Act funds will be made available this year for California's public libraries to purchase new print materials in six collection areas. The name of the program is Books4U and the six collection areas are as follows: Early Literacy/Parenting; Workforce Development; Non-English Language/ESL; Reference: CORE~ Legal~ Ready; Children's/Teen; and Popular Fiction.

The amount of the award to each public library was determined by its local income per capita (LIPC). Moreno Valley met the criterion for the highest of the three funding levels and will receive \$10,000 to spend over the six collection areas.

The State Library is facing severe cuts in LSTA in the next fiscal year, due to sequestration. This, in turn, could result in additional cuts in FY 14/15, due to California not meeting its maintenance of effort for further LSTA funds. Given this scenario of uncertainty, they decided to move forward with this assistance to public libraries during the current year.

## Library Tech Day

Library Tech Day was held by the Inland Library System (ILS) on May 3 at the Upland Public Library, for librarians throughout the Inland Empire. The ILS Young Adult and Children's committees hosted the event through an ILS grant. Librarian Jennifer Rapier served on the planning committee and attended the event. In the Tech Day workshop, various aspects of technology were taught, with a focus on how they can be beneficial in library settings. Topics covered included using social media effectively, how to create and use Pinterest accounts, how to create a Prezi, using iPads in early childhood programming, becoming familiar with ereaders and other similar devices, and how to create book trailers. The Moreno Valley Public Library is looking forward to strengthening its use of these technologies.

The Library is located at 25480 Alessandro Blvd. and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, the Library web visit site at http://library.booksite.com/7252/ or call 951.413.3880. "Like" Facebook: us on www.facebook.com/MorenoValleyPublicLibrary and "follow" us on Twitter: @MoValLibrary.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

## Administration

## World Logistics Center

LSA Associates Inc., the consultant for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), is reviewing and analyzing the comments that were submitted for the Draft EIR for the World Logistics Center project. There were a total of 135 submitted responses including the following:

- 3 Federal Agencies (US Army Corps, EPA, US Fish & Wildlife)
- 6 State Agencies (Office of Planning & Research, CalTrans, Fish & Game, Parks Dept., Air Resources Board, Santa Ana Water Quality Control Board))
- 3 Tribes (Morongo, Pechanga, Soboba)
- 4 Regional Agencies or Utilities (SCE, MWD, South Coast AQMD, Sempra Energy)
- 2 Riverside County Agencies (County Flood Control, Transportation Agency)
- 3 Cities (Riverside, Perris, San Jacinto)
- 1 School District (MVUSD)
- 14 Environmental or Conservation Groups
- 99 Private Individuals

LSA will submit responses to all the comments, along with producing a Final EIR document.

## Stoneridge Towne Centre

Some new uses have recently opened or will be coming to the Stoneridge Towne Centre. Altus Audeo Charter School has opened in the Main Street area-across the plaza from Bob's Big Boy Restaurant. Across Main Street from Bob's Big Boy—Alberto's Mexican Restaurant recently opened in the former Baja Fresh restaurant space. Check out this new restaurant.

## ULTA and BevMo Coming to TownGate Center

Development Services staff are assisting in the development of two new business operations that will reoccupy the former Staples building in TownGate Center. ULTA Beauty is moving quickly on Tenant Improvements (TI's) to occupy <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> the building and

BevMo is in plan check for TI's for the other half of the building. The Fritz Duda Company as the landlord is doing the exterior work to upgrade the look needed for the highly sought after retailers. Look for ULTA to open early this summer and BevMo is targeting an early fall opening.

## Q4 2012 Sales Tax Revenue Summary

In a continued trend upward, reports for Fourth Quarter (Q4) 2012 sales tax revenue continues to be encouraging. The 5.1% rise in Q4 2012 sales tax revenue, on an adjusted basis, as compared to Q4 2011 marks the  $12^{th}$  consecutive increase since the bottoming-out of the recession three years ago.

The Q4 2012 Sales Tax Revenue Summary report compares adjusted Q4 2012 sales tax revenue totals with adjusted Q4 2011 totals (Q4 revenue is generated between October and December). Hinderliter de Llamas Companies (HdL) compiles the sales tax revenue data obtained from the State Board of Equalization. The release of data by the State and the preparation of the comprehensive report by HdL typically occur approximately four to five months after the end of the respective quarter.

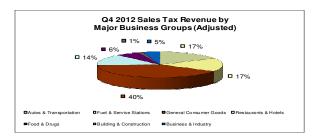
Q4 2012 sales tax revenue for the City of Moreno Valley increases marginally in comparison to both Riverside County and the State with increases of 9.0%, and 6.1%, respectively. All but one of the twenty nine cities in Riverside County experienced a positive sales tax performance. Rancho Mirage was the only city within Riverside County with a sales tax decrease of 3.6%. The City of Moreno Valley ranked 21<sup>st</sup> of the twenty nine Riverside County cities.

Nine cities in Riverside County experienced double digit growth for this quarter. Leading Riverside County cities sales tax revenue percentage increases with double digits was Canyon Lake, followed by Eastvale, Blythe, Jurupa Valley, Indio, Desert Hot Springs, Beaumont, Perris, and Norco.

The table below compares Q4 2012 sales tax revenues to Q4 2011 sales tax revenues for the City of Moreno Valley and other immediately surrounding western Riverside County cities with comparable population, as well as Riverside County and the State of California, ranking the all agencies by adjusted percentage change.

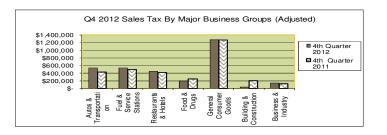
Sales Tax Trends Q4 2012							
City/Agency	Population	4th Quarter 2012	4th Quarter 2011	Dollar Difference	Standard Percent Change	Adjusted Percent Change	
Moreno Valley	196,495	\$3,164,414	\$3,228,093	\$-63,679	-2.0%	5.1%	
Murrieta	104,985	\$2,597,615	\$2,630,994	-\$-33,379	-1.3%	9.8%	
Riverside County	2,227,577	\$76,518,263	\$70,214,832	\$6,303,431	6.3%	9.0%	
Corona	154,520	\$7,245,959	\$6,960,619	\$285,340	4.1%	8.7%	
Riverside	308,511	\$10,926,003	\$10,640,474	\$285,529	2.7%	7.6%	
Temecula	103,092	\$6,671,373	\$6,465,191	\$206,182	3.2%	6.4%	
State	37,679,000	\$1,477,705,037	\$1,392,973,813	\$84,731,224	3.5%	6.1%	
Hemet	80,089	\$2,031,317	\$2,041,938	-\$10,621	-0.5%	5.0%	

Among this comparative group of cities, the City of Moreno Valley ranked 7th with 5.1% adjusted percent change as compared to Q4 2011. Murrieta ranked first with an increase of 9.8%, followed by Riverside County, Corona, Riverside, Temecula, and State of California with increases of 9.0%, 8.7%, 7.6%, 6.4%, and 6.1% respectively. Hemet ranked last below Moreno Valley with an increase of 5.0%.



The pie chart provides a graphic illustration of the percentage breakdown of Moreno Valley's Q4 2012 sales tax revenue allocations by major business groups. The largest contributor of point-of-sale revenue came from sales in General Consumer Goods category, representing 40% of Moreno Valley's total allocation with a change of 2% in spending overall in all categories.

Demonstrating Moreno Valley's Q4 spending changes from 2011 to 2012, the chart below categorizes spending changes (largest to smallest) by major business groups.



Moreno Valley's ongoing course toward economic recovery is evident in the categories with double digit increases in sales tax revenue. The Autos & Transportation category jumped in sales by 22.9% (\$99,542) over the Q4 in 2011. The rise in Autos & Transportation was reflective of consumer confidence and the diversity of auto types available at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. All brands experienced increases in sales. High performing brands were Moss Bros. Honda (67.85%), Moss Bros. Toyota (32.82%), Moss Bros Chevrolet (20.86%), Moss Bros, Buick GMC (11.41%). Volkswagen of Moreno Valley, the new brand at the Auto Mall did exceptionally well for the first reported quarter, although it did not have sales reported for the comparable quarter the year before. Moreno Valley's sales in the Autos & Transportation category (22.9%) were well ahead of the State (13.8%) and the County (13.2%). Solid gains were also achieved in Business & Industry category, Restaurant and Hotels category, and Fuel and Service Stations category8i, with increases of 5.5%, 5.5% and 5.0% respectively.

In the **General Consumer Goods** category, sales in Moreno Valley went up marginally (.3%) over the Q4 in 2011 and below State and County at 5.5%, and 3.6% respectively. Sales for giant retailers such as Costco, and Super Target and Walmart Supercenter were mixed. Costco's sales were up by double digit, whereas Super Target and Walmart Supercenter's sales were down slightly. In the **Food and Drugs** category, sales fell by 21.1% over the Q4 in 2011. Please note this is a consistent statewide trend. The **Building and Construction** category saw an 81.8% decrease due to a reporting adjustment.

The following identifies Moreno Valley's top twentyfive sales tax producers during the 4th Quarter 2012 (listed alphabetically):

Arco (2)	Moss Bros. Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge
Chevron (2)	Moss Bros. Honda
Circle K	Moss Bros. Toyota
Costco	Ross Dress for Less
JC Penny	Sears
Home Depot	Shell
iHerb	Stater Bros.
Kohl's	Super Target
Lowe's	Volkswagen of Moreno Valley
Macy's	Walgreens
Moss Bros Buick GMC	Walmart Supercenter
Moss Bros. Chevrolet	

For more information, please refer to the *Moreno Valley Sales Tax Update* and the *California Forecast* prepared by Hinderliter de Llamas & Associates (HdL) that is available in the Economic Development Department or on the City's website.

## Large Users in Play

Moreno Valley locations are in play for some large-scale logistics and distribution centers including three large buildings with a total of more than 3.1 million S.F. (buildings include 1,476,000 S.F., 835,000 S.F. and 810,000 S.F.). Three separate Moreno Valley developers have finalist sites (Moreno Valley locations are one of two finalist locations to try and land the business operations for these three major corporations. Final negotiations and due diligence is moving quickly for all three of these projects Altogether these three businesses are projected to produce approximately 900 new jobs. Additionally, discussions are underway for three additional large-scale logistics projects, along with Harbor Freight Tools continuing to work on plans to expand its Distribution Center in the Centerpointe Business Park.

## Economic Development Summary-May 2013

The Economic Development Summary has been updated for May 2013 and is now available on the City's website.

## **Building & Safety Division**

## **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Building & Safety Division for the months of April 2012 and April 2013.

	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>
	2012	2013
•Customer Counter Visits-	603	548
Total/Daily Average		
<ul> <li>Building Permits Issued</li> </ul>	182	154
<ul> <li>Construction Valuation</li> </ul>	\$6,718,593	\$964,264
<ul> <li>Construction Inspections</li> </ul>	600	870
Performed		
• Issued Certificates of Occupancy	14	10
Plan Check Activity	132	227
• Monthly Revenue	\$179,200	\$178,784

## Development Update

The following is a summary of current development activities being worked on within the Building & Safety Division:

## • Certificate of Occupancy

- Hemlock Family Apartments Phase I
- Oasis Community Church
- Chipotle @ TownGate Center
- o Fitness 19 @ Moreno Valley Village
- Lumber Liquidators @ Canyon Springs Plaza
- Alberto's @ Stoneridge Towne Centre
- Moss Chevrolet

## • Temporary Certificate of Occupancy

- Harbor Freight Tool DC @ First Inland Logistics
- Nandina Distribution Center IDS Real Estate Group (Shell Building Final)
- Kaiser MOB
- Volkswagen of Moreno Valley

## • Building Permits Issued – Under Construction

- Robertson's Ready Mix Concrete Plant
- Hemlock Apartments Rancho Belago Developers – Phase II
- Centerpointe Logistics Center Overton Moore Properties
- Rancho Dorado Apartment (Phase II) Palm Communities
- Graham Square 7-11; Carwash, and Flame Broiler
- I-215 Logistics Center Trammell Crow Co.
- Family Dollar on Perris Blvd.
- Chevron @ Moreno Beach/Alessandro

## • Tenant Improvements Underway

- Moss GMC/Buick
- Wizard's Party House Jump House
- Southern Illinois University
- PI Grill
- o Moss Honda

## • Plan Check Underway for New Buildings

- Inland Empire Global Logistics Center -Panattoni Development
- Westridge Commerce Center Ridge Property Trust
- O'Reilly Auto on Perris Blvd.

## Graham Square

Work is moving quickly towards the opening of new businesses at the Graham Square project at the NE corner of Graham and Alessandro—next to the U.S. Postal Center. WashBank Express Carwash, the 7-11 Store, Access Cash and The Flame Broiler are now open.

## Business Support & Neighborhood Programs Division

## Myers Park Apartments

The newly renovated Myers Park Apartments project is complete and occupancy is at 100%, along with having a waiting list. The project was a partnership between the City of Moreno Valley and Mary Erickson Community Housing that utilized funding from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to acquire two foreclosed and bank-owned apartment complexes on Myers Avenue, with a total of 27 units. Mary Erickson Community Housing is a respected non-profit corporation and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) that owns and operates affordable housing projects in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Thursday May 30 to celebrate the completion of the project and show off the look of the new Myers Park Apartments.

## Habitat Housing Project

On May 14, the City Council and Housing Authority approved an Affordable Housing Agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the development of eight single family homes on an infill housing site on Myers Street owned by the Housing Authority. Once constructed the homes will be sold to families in conformance with affordable housing requirements. Funding for the project is through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

## Unemployment-March 2013

The unemployment rate decreased in March 2013. Moreno Valley's unemployment rate went from 12.6% in February to 12.2% in March. Below are the unemployment rates as released by the California Department of Employment Development:

	February 2013	March 2013	
California	9.6	9.4	
Riverside County	10.9	10.5	
Banning	12.5	12.0	
Beaumont	12.4	12.0	
Hemet	13.7	13.3	
Moreno Valley	12.6	12.2	
Perris	17.0	16.4	
Riverside	11.0	10.6	
San Jacinto	16.5	15.9	

## Business Spotlight

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the City's awareness of the many businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses that were showcased at the May 14 City Council were Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club and Inland Empire Customs. The businesses to be spotlighted in at the June 11 City Council meeting will be Fix Auto Moreno Valley and Estates Furniture, Cabinets & Flooring.

The Business Spotlight program also wishes to inform the City Council of some of the new businesses in the community. A few recent openings include:

• Kwik Ship Plus—In February, this shipping and postal service business opened at 23890 Alessandro Boulevard in the Moreno Valley

Commerce Center at the NW corner of Alessandro & Heacock.

- **Perris Internet Café**—New internet & computer use business that also offers basic business services such as printing, faxing, copying, along with offering coffee, soda drinks and lights snacks. Located at 13121 Perris Boulevard at the SW corner of Atwood and Perris.
- **T W Fashion**—New clothing retailer opened December 2012, offering an assortment of women's and men's clothing, shoes and accessories. Located at 23185 Hemlock Street in Plaza de Majorca at the NE corner of Pigeon Pass & Hemlock Street.

## Cinco de Mayo Celebration

The Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MVHCC) held a Cinco de Mayo Festival on Saturday May 4 from 10 am until 3 pm in the parking lot at the Moreno Valley Mall. The event included entertainment---music, bands, dancers & WBC boxing champion Angel Garcia along with five food trucks (burgers, Mexican, sushi, baked goods & firehouse cuisine). Many thanks to City staff who helped the MVHCC with the coordinating of planning and securing necessary permits, including Dante Hall, Denise Bagley and Summer Looy.

## Code & Neighborhood Services Division

## **Quick Statistics**

The following statistics are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of April 2012 and April 2013.

	April	April
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cases Initiated	291	299
<b>Closed Case Investigations</b>	287	307
Parking Citations Issued	2,477	1,786
Administrative Citations Issued	91	70
Counter Customers	305	264

## Neighborhood Clean-up

A Neighborhood Clean-up was conducted on Saturday April 20 and another event is scheduled for Saturday May 18. Information for both events is below:

April 20 Neighborhood Clean-up:

- Council District 1
- Focused on neighborhood area of Charity Ct., Henry Ct., Michele Ln. Kyle Dr., Silver Ln. & Gold Pl. with total of 128 residences
- Total of 7.48 tons

May 18 Neighborhood Clean-up:

- Council District 4
- Focused on neighborhood area of Ninya Ave., Cobra Dr., Nan Ave. & Wedow Dr. with a total of 138 residences

## Sunnymead Boulevard Clean-up Initiative

On April 23 & 24, City staff participated in meetings to kick off dialogue on ways to clean-up Sunnymead Boulevard. On Tuesday April 23, approximately 40 businesses, property owners and interested individuals attended a meeting at Miller Jones Mortuary for the area on Sunnymead Boulevard from Frederick Street to Heacock Street. On Wednesday April 24 approximately 30 people attended the meeting at Holiday Inn Express for the area on Sunnymead Boulevard from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard. Discussion at the meetings included crime, public safety issues, the homeless, illegal signage and improper property maintenance. More meetings are planned.

## Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

On Monday May 6, the California Supreme Court ruled that there is nothing in California's medical marijuana laws that prevent local governments from banning marijuana dispensaries. The ruling hopefully ends years of litigation in the lead case of City of Riverside v Inland Empire Patients Health & Wellness Center. Moreno Valley and other Inland Region cities such Riverside, Hemet, Redlands, Banning Norco, Corona, Temecula, Murrieta and Upland have banned medical marijuana dispensaries. Last year Moreno Valley closed down five medical marijuana dispensaries operating in the city. Staff from the City Attorney, Building & Safety, Code & Neighborhood Services and the Police Department have been working together to close down four more dispensaries operating in Moreno Valley.

## Land Development Division

## Quick Statistics

The following statistics are for the Land Development Division for the months of April 2012 and April 2103.

	April	April
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Plan Checks Processed	24	22
Grading Permits Issued	1	1
Number of Inspections	386	252
Counter Customer Visit	128	127

## Development Update

The following represents a summary of the development activity being worked on by the Land Development Division:

## • Grading Permits Issued

- Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
- o Robertson's Ready Mix Concrete Plan
- Hemlock Family Apartments Rancho Belago Developers
- Centerpointe Logistics Center Overton Moore Properties
- Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II) Palm Communities
- I-215 Logistics Center Trammell Crow Co.
- o Graham Square
- Family Dollar on Perris Blvd.
- Chevron Station @ Moreno Beach/Alessandro
- o DR Horton Residential Project
- Renaissance Village Continental East

## • Plan Check Underway for Grading Plans

- Inland Empire Global Logistics Center Panattoni Development
- Vogel Development
- Westridge Commerce Center
- O'Reilly Auto Parts on Perris Blvd.

## Planning Division

The following statics provided are for the Planning Division for the months of April 2012 and April 2013.

	April	April
	2012	2013
Counter Customers	348	365
Major Case Submittals	2	2
Minor Case Submittals	58	72
Plan Check Submittals	36	68
Application Fees	\$42,775	\$81,497

## Planning Commission

At the last meeting of the Planning Commission on April 25, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Recommended that the City Council approve a Municipal Code Amendment and Specific Plan Amendment to implement provisions included in the City's State Certified Housing Element to the General Plan. Specifically, the Amendment includes the following major components: 1) amending the Moreno Valley Industrial Area Specific Plan to allow Emergency Shelters as a permitted use; 2) add Emergency Shelters, Farm Worker Housing and Single Room Occupancy Housing as listed uses in the Permitted Uses Table; and 3) provide development standards for the new listed uses.
- Held the annual election of Planning Commission officers. Meli Van Natta was reelected as the Commission Chair and Amber Crothers as Commission Vice Chair.
- Seated Planning Commissioners Jeff Giba, Ray

Baker and Carlos Ramirez (reappointed) and Jeff Sims and Brian Lowell (new).

• Approved the Annual Report of the Planning Commission. The report, required by State Law, will be presented to the City Council as a receive and file item on a May meeting agenda.

The agenda of the Planning Commission meeting on May 23, 2013 included the following projects:

- A Plot Plan for a 141-unit affordable multiple family housing development on property located at the southeast corner of Lasselle Street and Alessandro Boulevard. The proposed project to be called Boulder Ridge Apartments includes a General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone Community Commercial (CC) from and Residential – up to 15 units per acre (R15) to Residential – up to 30 units per acre (R30) and Open Space (OS), as well as a variance related to reducing the amount of covered parking required for the project. The project is proposed to build on the graded portion of the site with the steep hillsides on the balance of the site retained as permanent open space.
- Annual Brown Act (conflict of interest) training for the Planning Commission. The training is provided by the City Attorney.

## Administrative Approvals

- Plot Plan to approve construction of a new 40,000 square foot health and fitness center in the TownGate Promenade shopping center located at the southeast corner of Day Street and Campus Parkway. The proposed facility would be north of the Costco warehouse store and west of the Hampton Inn. The applicant is Waypoint Property Group.
- Plot Plan for a model home complex and sales trailer for Tract 32715, located at the southeast corner of Perris Boulevard and Ironwood Avenue. The new developer proposes to build out the balance of the tract with new product. The new product is approximately the same size as the existing homes built several years ago. The applicant is JEC Enterprises.
- Plot Plan to establish an adult day care facility for disabled adults in an existing building located at 14137 Business Center Drive. The applicant is Supporting Unlimited Possibilities.
- Plot Plan to approve an exterior remodel of the existing Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant located at 12280 Heacock Street. The applicant is Cummings Signs.
- Plot Plan to install a parking lot and trash enclosure for an existing apartment complex located at 24120

Atwood Avenue. The applicant is Leif Ohrberg.

- Plot Plan for a grading borrow site on vacant property located at the southwest corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Darwin Street. The applicant is Winchester Associates.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 11150 Redlands Boulevard. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 23190 Hemlock Avenue. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 27905 John F. Kennedy Drive. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to co-locate a new carrier on an existing telecommunications facility located at 13301 Elsworth Street. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to co-locate a new carrier on an existing telecommunications facility located at 15115 Indian Street. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to co-locate a new carrier on an existing telecommunications facility located at 23300 Cottonwood Avenue. The applicant is Sprint PCS.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to co-locate a new carrier on an existing telecommunications facility located at 25565 Kalmia Avenue. The applicant is T-Mobile West Corporation.

## Recent Case Submittals

- Amended Plot Plan for an approved warehouse/industrial project located at the southwest corner of Iris Avenue and Indian Street to reduce the size of the proposed building.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace an existing telecommunications facility located on Redlands Boulevard north of Locust Avenue.
- Amended Plot Plan to expand the sanctuary for an existing church (Cross Word) located on Box Springs Road.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to construct a new telecommunications facility on an existing church site located on Eucalyptus Avenue east of Indian Street.
- Municipal Code Amendment to revise the City's requirements for gasoline service stations related to an existing application at the northeast corner of Indian Street and Alessandro Boulevard.
- Plot Plan for exterior renovations to an existing apartment project on Elsworth Street (Amber Ridge

Apartments).

- Variance for a reduction in the covered parking requirement for an affordable apartment project proposed for the southeast corner of Lasselle Street and Alessandro Avenue.
- Plot Plan for exterior renovations to an existing industrial building on Elsworth Street to accommodate the new owner/occupant of the building (Value Windows and Doors).
- Plot for trash enclosure related to new tenant (BevMo) in the TownGate Shopping Center on Frederick Street.
- Plot Plan for exterior modifications to an existing industrial building at the southeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street to accommodate a new tenant (CIMC Vanguard).
- Development Agreement Amendment to extend the term of the agreement related to the approved tract map at Pigeon Pass and Lawless Road.
- Pre-Application for a drive up ATM kiosk in the existing shopping center at the northwest corner of Ironwood Avenue and Heacock Street.
- Sign Program for Chevron gas station currently under construction at the southwest corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Moreno Beach Drive.

## World Logistics Center

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center was released on Monday February 4, 2013. Comments on the DEIR were due on or before April 8, 2013. Approximately 140 comments have been received to date from local residents and property owners, responsible agencies and environmental groups, including a number received after the due date. The due date provided for a 60 day public review period for the DEIR, well in excess of the 45 day review period required by State Law.

The EIR consultant will review all comments received during that period and provide written responses for final review by City staff and the City's peer consultant. Those received shortly after the due date will also be provided with written responses, including a notation that they were late. The draft EIR and Response to Comments will 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.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan includes nearly all of the property encompassed by the

SR60 Freeway, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.

## SR 60 East Corridor Area Overlay Plan

The contract for the preparation of an Overlay Plan for the SR 60 East Corridor Area has been executed with the firm of Raimi and Associates. The firm is based in Berkeley, along with a field office located in Riverside. A kick-off meeting was held on April 23rd between the consultant and staff and the consultant has begun their review process. The next milestone is a Study Session discussion with the City Council and Planning Commission.

## Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates a continuing decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City, along with an increased strength in median asking prices. As of May 1, 2013, 269 homes were listed for sale, compared with 272 at the start of the prior month, and 778 in the same month last year.

January 2010 marked the prior low point for inventory in recent years when 806 homes were listed for sale. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, and increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 to a peak of 1,230 in March 2011 before steadily declining since that time to a new low.

The current inventory of homes for sale is less than a three month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. At less than half of a normal inventory, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

The median asking price was \$190,000, compared with \$190,000 in the prior month and \$159,500 in the same month last year. The trends are shown in the chart below.

		April		May	
	May 2013	2013	Change	2012	Change
Homes for Sale	269	272	(1%)	778	(65%)
Median Asking Price	\$190,000	\$190,000	+0%	\$159,500	+19%

## Foreclosures

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for March shows a sharp decrease in foreclosure activity in the City of Moreno Valley, but a slight increase in Riverside County. Most of the cities in the western portion of the County also had a decrease in foreclosure activity. The website reported one in 431 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.23% of mortgages in the City. A higher number (431) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (0.23\%). This compares to a rate of one in 335 units in the prior month and one in 146 in the prior year month in 2012. Foreclosure activity is twenty three percent (23%) lower than the prior month and sixty six (66%) lower than the same month last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is similar to most local communities, slightly higher than Murrieta and Temecula and slightly lower than Corona and Perris. Mira Loma had the lowest rate locally (1 in 671) and Beaumont had the highest rate (1 in 290).

By zip code, area 92555 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 324) and areas 92551 and 92557 had the lowest rates (1 in 425). Foreclosure activity decreased in all zip code areas. The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Mar <u>.</u>	Feb <u>.</u>		Mar.	
	2013	2013	Change	2012	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	431	335	(23%)	146	(66%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	468	479	+2%	183	(61%)

## Public Relations

The Moreno Valley Fire Department as well as Fire Explorer Posts 906 and 958 participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Health and Safety Fair that was



held at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall on Saturday, April 27. There were a total of 21 fire explorers from both Moreno Valley Posts who interacted with the public and answered many questions about being a fire explorer. They also assisted several vendors in setting up their displays. Additionally, College Park Truck 91 was at the event, proudly displaying the American flag from their aerial ladder as well as Engine 3168 from CAL Fire/Riverside Unit.

## Fire Prevention

Fire Prevention staff have completed the initial round of inspections for the 2013 Hazard Reduction Program. The inspection of vacant undeveloped parcels are intended to remove the hazardous vegetation from the property and reduce the threat of wildfire in Moreno Valley. Reinspection of all vacant properties was completed by May 16, and city abatement began on May 28. Please contact the Fire Prevention office at 951.413.3370 if you have any questions. Fire Prevention Inspector II Frank Martinez and Fire Safety Specialist Carlos Rodriguez attended a training class for inspection of residential care facilities on April 25 in Chino. This class was presented by the State Fire Marshal's Office and covered plan review and inspection of residences that are being converted to state-regulated care facilities for the elderly and developmentally disabled.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz attended the monthly California Fire Chief's Association Fire Prevention Officers Meeting and Training in El Segundo on May 8. The meeting included an update from the State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover and important information on upcoming legislation as well as changes to fire codes that may affect the businesses and citizens of Moreno Valley. The afternoon training session was presented by representatives from the cell phone industry and focused on the installation of hydrogen fuel cells for backup battery systems at cell site towers.

## Significant Events

On April 6, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department were dispatched to a reported traffic collision involving trapped patients at Gilman



Springs Road and Big Wash Road, just inside the Moreno Valley city limits. Upon arrival, firefighters located two vehicles which had left the roadway and sustained major damage with two trapped patients, one inside each vehicle. After a rapid scene size-up, it was determined that one patient had already succumbed to injuries. The second patient required minor extrication efforts and had sustained multiple traumatic injuries, including an open fracture in a lower extremity. Firefighters from Sunnymead Truck 2 worked rapidly to extricate the patient while firefighter paramedics from Moreno Beach Engine 58 and Morrison Park Engine 99 treated the patient. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 58 continued advance life support care during transport of the patient by AMR to the local area trauma receiving center. This patient is expected to recover.

On April 8, a vehicle entered the parking lot of the Kennedy Park Fire Station. A male subject exited the vehicle, calling for help. The crew from Engine 65 met both the male subject and a female at their vehicle who had a 4 month old child that was pulseless and not breathing. The fire captain immediately contacted the Emergency Command Center to request a ground ambulance while the firefighter paramedic and fire apparatus engineer began pediatric advanced life support measures which included CPR, ventilation, and IV

therapy. The firefighter paramedic provided advance life support care during transport of the patient by AMR to the local area hospital. The final outcome of this patient is unknown at this time.

On April 13, Kennedy Park Engine 65 responded to a report of a medical emergency occurring in their primary response area. Upon arrival, they located a 40 year female with ominous signs that heart failure was imminent, including:, pale, sweaty skin; unobtainable blood pressure; and an abnormal ECG reading. The firefighter paramedic established an IV while oxygen therapy was administered to the patient. A 12 lead ECG was obtained and transmitted to the local area STEMI center who determined the patient was having an ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI). The patient was rapidly transported to the local area STEMI center by AMR accompanied by the firefighter paramedic from Engine 65 who continued advance life support measures during transport. The patient was transferred to hospital staff with an adequate blood pressure and it was later determined that the patient was suffering from a pulmonary embolism, a life threatening condition. The final outcome of this patient is unknown.

On April 21, units from College Park Fire Station 91 performed a remote area rescue of a downed hiker with the assistance of CAL Fire



Helicopter 301. A hiker had experienced a fall while walking the mountain located above Moreno Valley College and suffered an ankle injury. College Park Engine 91 and Truck 91 personnel located the patient near the ridge top and initiated life support care which included establishing an IV, administration of pain medication, and fracture stabilization. Due to the steep terrain, the decision was made to extricate the patient via a helicopter. The patient was carried down the mountain to a mid-slope landing zone that had been designated by the helicopter pilot. Once loaded into the airship, the patient was flown to an awaiting ambulance at the bottom of the mountain. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 91 continued to provide advance life support care during the flight and transport to the local area hospital. It is expected that the patient will make a full recovery.

On April 26, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 responded to a reported medical emergency in their primary response area. Upon arrival, fire department personnel located an unconscious adult male lying on his back on the garage floor. An assessment of the patient by the firefighter paramedic determined that the person was not breathing and was in ventricular fibrillation. Immediate advance life support measures were taken by the firefighter paramedic including intubation with an endotracheal tube, defibrillation, and the administration of cardiac medication through an IV. After two defibrillations were delivered to the patient, he began to have spontaneous respirations and circulation with sustained blood pressure. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 65 continued advance life support care during transport of the patient by AMR to the local area hospital. The patient had a pulse, blood pressure, and respirations when care was transferred to hospital staff. The final outcome of the patient is unknown.

On May 8 at 5:32 p.m. units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to Fir Avenue and Heacock Street for a reported vegetation fire with powerlines down. The first arriving engine company could not locate a vegetation fire, however, they did locate four powerlines down, draping over a metallic perimeter fence as well as a compact car and a child safety seat that was adjacent to the vehicle on the sidewalk. Fire department units, along with members of the police department established a safe perimeter and isolated the area from entry. Police officers from the Moreno Valley Police Department entered the apartment complex adjacent to downed powerlines to warn the residents about the powerlines and to restrict egress from the building in order to limit potential human contact with exposed wiring or the perimeter fence. A total of five families were requested to shelter in place until the power lines could be de-energized. Southern California Edison (SCE) arrived within minutes and de-energized the lines. Power was lost to residents along Fir Avenue between Heacock Street and Diana Lane. SCE estimates that it will take approximately eight hours for a full restoration.

## FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## FMS Administration/Budget

# Final Determination Letter for Successor Agency ROPS 13/14A

The State Department of Finance (DOF) denied debt service payments for the 2005 Lease Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$600,000 annually with a remaining total value of about \$13 million. Staff requested a Meet and Confer with the State DOF to preserve this Enforceable Obligation and protect the General Fund from this debt.

<u>Submitting to the State DOF for a Finding of</u> <u>Completion for the Successor Agency</u>

Staff is preparing the documents to apply to the State DOF for this key finding for the Successor Agency. Completing this process will allow the City to reinstate certain loans, establish a repayment plan for those loans, and will allow the City to spend remaining Bond Proceeds. Staff intends to complete this process by August 2013.

<u>Total Road Improvement Program Financing</u> (Certificates of Participation) for the Nason Street Widening Project

Oral arguments were heard in State Appellate Court on Tuesday May 7, 2013. The Tentative Ruling is in the City's favor, with a final ruling anticipated within 30 days. COPs may potentially be completed by late summer or early fall 2013.

As part of this year's budget development, the City Council requested a series of discussions on the long term financial issues impacting the City's General Fund. These topics have been presented during the City Council Study Sessions since March and shall continue through July. The topics include:

- Slow Growth in Major General Fund Revenue Sources
- Annual Increases in Public Safety Contract
- Unfunded Liabilities Public Employees Retirement System and Retiree Medical
- Introduction of Proposed FY 2013/14 2014/15 Operating Budget
- Increased Demands on General Fund Reserves
- Unfunded Liabilities Compensated Absences and Others (Scheduled for July 2, 2013)

The City also took a proactive approach to communicate with its residents and businesses by hosting Neighborhood Budget Meetings. These meetings were scheduled to provide opportunities for Moreno Valley residents to join the discussion related to the City's long term financial challenges and the Proposed Operating Budget.

To further enhance the transparency of the budget development process, information presented on the Study Session topics and presented at the Neighborhood Budget Meetings is posted on the City's web site.



The Proposed Operating Budget is scheduled to be presented for City Council adoption at the June 11, 2013 City Council Meeting.

## Financial Operations Division

#### Logos

Staff is working with departments on capital asset records and equipment inventory lists. Logos systematically tracks capital assets by department and records are being updated to improve reporting accuracy based on department feedback.

Payroll staff is working with HR on improving the benefit administration functions of the City as they relate to payroll transactions. Logos functionality is being implemented to track and report benefits, which will result in the elimination of many payroll shadow reports.

Staff provided Logos and eSuite training sessions to City staff for time entry and approval, general ledger inquiries, business analytics, report writing, journal entries and budget adjustments.

## Special Districts Division

#### Completion of Annual Landscape Contracts for City Council Action

Final amendments to the landscape maintenance and related service contracts for the current fiscal year have been completed and are scheduled for City Council consideration. Prior to the end of the current fiscal year, most of the landscape maintenance and related service contracts (e.g. backflow repair, lighting) will be completed and scheduled for City Council consideration. This will enable continuation of the services as soon as the new fiscal year begins.

Of the thirteen contracts managed by the CSD, an RFP was issued for one, Zone E-2 (Hidden Springs). All other contracts were eligible for extension under the City's Purchasing Policy and warranted an extension based on the contractors' satisfactory performance during the current fiscal year. Council will be asked to consider approval of each contract based on the potential total amount of the contract over the course of the original term and possible extension. The contract, however, will only be extended in yearly increments to allow as much flexibility as possible in ensuring the contractor's performance is satisfactory and that both parties wish to extend the agreement.

## Public Hearing Scheduled for Continuation of CSD Parcel Taxes and Charges

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for June 11th regarding the Council's consideration to continue levying the existing CSD parcel taxes (Zones A and C) and parcel charges (Zones B, D, E, M and S) on the 2013/14 property tax bills. Property owners have previously approved the amounts proposed to be levied.

There are no new taxes or charges proposed. In those cases where property owners approved an annual CPI adjustment, a 1.93% adjustment is being proposed.

Property owners were mailed a bilingual postcard notifying them of the Public Hearing. Detailed information about each of the zones and services provided is included within the CSD Preliminary Annual Levy Report. The Report was uploaded onto the City's main website on April 22nd; this information was included on the postcard notification.

Revenue received from the parcel taxes and parcel charges fund specific services which may include: parks and community services, residential street lighting, arterial street lighting, maintenance of parkway and extensive parkway landscaping, internal parkway landscape maintenance, median landscape maintenance, and maintenance of certain improvements along Sunnymead Boulevard.

## Hidden Springs Residents Committee

On May 8th, the Hidden Springs Residents Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting. The group continues to identify solutions to enhance their quality of life, including the current level of landscaping maintenance, which transitioned to a modified reduced service level after property owners did not approve a parcel charge increase to support increases in costs. Staff continues to work with them in this process.

## Treasury Operations Division

## Changes Related to Business Licenses for Single Family Rental Housing

In the past, the business license program required that the owners of multiple single family residences held as rental properties apply for a separate business license for each property or address. After discussions between City staff and members of the Chamber of Commerce the process has been reviewed and a determination was made that a modification of the practice was necessary. In the future, property owners of single family rental properties will now only be required to apply for a business license on the total portfolio of rental properties and will continue be responsible for the Business License Gross Receipt Tax applicable to the total portfolio activity. This change in approach will go into effect with new applications in July 2013 and will apply to all applicants during the 2014 renewal process which begins in December 2013.

## **Technology Services Division**

City Fiber Extension Project The City Fiber Extension Project was initiated in-house Technology bv Services Telecommunications. This was a co-operative project completed with the joint efforts from Transportation, Special Districts, Public Works concrete crews, and Telecommunications.





The purpose of the project was to "Inter-connect" the Civic Center campus and Corporate

Yard over fiber. This would also replace slow, leased communication lines from the phone company that cost approximately \$12,000 a year. Since the Corporate Yard is an essential facility with several operations servicing the community, this site became the next in line for the project. In addition, the Corporate Yard will serve as a "Fiber Hub Site" for further expansion of the City's fiber communications backbone.

project provides much The needed high speed communications for all divisions. Traffic and Transportation will have access for communications and network access to traffic controllers, including use for a planned Traffic Management Center that will allow video monitoring of traffic through the City's main corridors. The Police





Department will have access to a second allocation of fibers for back hauling video for the City-wide camera system.

A few basic stats are provided below for the project:

- Start date for planning and design: September 2010
- Construction start date: September 2011
- Completion date: April 11, 2013
- Total cost: \$99,715
- Type of construction: Underground communication facilities
- Total span: 3.8 miles
- Number of fibers: 72
- Annual cost savings: Approximately \$12,000

## PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### Special Events

The first Concert in the Park was held on May 3 at TownGate Memorial Park. Approximately 400 residents attended to listen to the Red Not Chili Peppers. This first free concert started the exciting eight-week concert series that concludes at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Fest Celebration and features different genres of music for residents of all ages. Bring your dinner, blankets, and lawn chairs and prepare to party as we pay tribute to a variety of music.

The Moreno Valley Wind Symphony will be performing in the Grand Valley Ballroom on Thursday June 6th . The concert is free and open to the public with the doors opening around 6:30pm. The Theme is "Home of the Brave" saluting the men and women in uniform. You will not want to miss this patriotic themed production.

Vendor and parade applications are now available for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Family FunFest event. Auditions for the Community Stage are being held on May 7 and May 8 at the Conference and Recreation Center.

## Park Projects

The exterior of restroom and concession at Lasselle Sports Park is receiving the final trim.



Building insulation, rough electrical, rough plumbing, and HVAC ductwork are completed. Sports field lighting and parking lot improvements (curb and gutter and light foundations) are installed. Tile in the restroom and concession area is being installed.

The ADA drinking fountains at Woodland, John F. Kennedy, and Weston park sites have been installed.



Materials have been ordered for the replacement of the restroom roof at Weston Park.

## Parks Maintenance Division

Projects completed include: EMWD checked irrigation at Celebration, Rancho Verde, El Potrero West and East Parks; aerated sand and greens at golf course; coated splash pad at Celebration Park with Rhino Grip; started up water features at Bethune and Celebration Parks; installed infield mix on ballfield sites; installed new slide at Weston Park; and sprayed annual weeds at parks and trails. Projects in progress include: Remove old and install new ET irrigation controllers at 19 park sites (75% complete); trim trees at park sites and contract park sites (80% complete); paint arena fencing at Equestrian Center; install gate in arena at Equestrian Center; install new exterior doors at Pedrorena and Weston Parks; renovate #7 green at Cottonwood (95% complete); purchased seed to overseed tees and greens; finish weeding and spraying all trails; add DG to trails; trim hedges at all parks; and EMWD irrigation checks at Ridgecrest and Fairway Parks.

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas in April: Bayside (\$64), Bethune (\$41), Celebration (\$41), Community (\$524), Edison Easement (\$176), JFK (\$171), Sunnymead (\$296), TownGate (\$92), Valley Skate (\$30), Victoriano (\$63), Westbluff (\$57), and Woodland (\$136). The total cost for vandalism/graffiti was \$1,691. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti were 35½ hours, approximately 4.43 full-time work days.

Staff training include Weather Matic Irrigation Training and Calsense Clock.

Court referrals performed a total of 558 hours during April. The total hours for court referrals in 2013 are 2,298, which equates to approximately 255 full-time work days.

In April the Park Rangers patroled 2,235 areas, had 5,417 public contacts, and reported 63 violations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol violations in the parks.

## **Recreation Division**

Time for Tots for April was busy for each of the three Time for Tots sites. New registrations of three- to fiveyear olds continue to increase as Spring progresses. In addition to the creative-themed curriculum, special activity days were held throughout April including Sports Day, Popcorn Mania, Around the World Day, Earth Day, and Lifetouch Spring/Graduation Picture days.

The regular Time for Tots school year came to a close on May 30. The annual graduation ceremony will be held at the Conference & Recreation Center on June 5 at 6:00 p.m. inside the Grand Valley Ballroom. The Time for Tots staff are also currently creating curriculum for the summer session beginning June 17.

April was once again a busy month for recreation program and classes. Children's dance classes, including Dance Exploration, Ballet, Ballet/Acro, Hiphop, MusicStar Kidz, Cheerleading, and Hawaiian Dance were filled with young resident children eager to perform at the Spring Contract Class Performance held on May 15 at the Conference and Recreation Center's Grand Valley Ballroom.

With summer quickly approaching, recreation staff have been busy recruiting contract instructors for a variety of new classes and programs to begin in the summer sessions. New classes being introduced include Engineering Fundamentals with Legos, Ballet Folklorico for youth and adults, Camp Fusion Performing Arts, Nimpo for Kids, Women's Self Defense, and Challenger Soccer Academy.

This year's Sunshine Social annual prom theme was "Rock of Ages" and was held at the Senior Community Center on May 22. Participants came dressed in their favorite "rock music" attire and danced the night away to the music hits. A royal court was crowned and announced during the event.

The Spring Valley Kids Camp concluded on April 5 with an increased enrollment for children in kindergarten through eighth grades. Local children spent their spring breaks enjoying exciting recreational games, watching movies, playing video games, and nurturing their creativity with seasonal arts and crafts.

Staff has been preparing for the Summer Valley Kids Camp, which began on June 3. This summer will be action-packed with field trips, arts, crafts, lightly competitive games, and other fun-filled activities. Attending children are sure to enjoy the newly revamped program designed to entertain. Summer Valley Kids Camp will run until the children return to school in August.

The Summer Youth Basketball Clinic began on May 6 with 50 participants ages 8-12 years looking to improve their fundamentals in the sport of basketball. This 3-week course is a great way to prepare for the upcoming basketball season that will run through the months of June, July, and August.

## Child Care Grant

In celebration of Earth Day for the month of April, children learned all about composting. Each site filled their own composting bin and the left-over snacks and recyclable materials are



recyclable materials are being fed to worms. The composting soil is being used at the sites for their

vegetables and flower gardens. Waste Management also visited the sites in May to give a composting lesson to the children. In addition to the composting, the sites are learning about how to use recycled materials to create art and crafts such as making baskets out of newspapers and flower pots out of plastic water jugs and water bottles.

## Senior Community Center

On April 18, the Center held its volunteer barbecue for all the volunteers that assist at the Senior Community Center. Approximately 25 volunteers attended with their guests. The staff served chicken, tri-tip, BBQ beans, potato salad, and caesar salad. Each volunteer was given a keychain with an inscribed, "Thank you for your service." The event was sponsored by Heritage California ACO.

The April Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on April 25. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provided a free meal and a box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donated the cake and ice cream.

Free tax preparation ended April 15. All tax preparations were done by AARP at no charge to those with low to moderate income.

On May 2 the Center held its annual Cinco de Mayo barbecue for more than 100 seniors. The seniors enjoyed grilled chicken, rice, beans, and soda, and a performance from the Center's line dancing class. Health Net and Heritage California ACO sponsored the event

On May 9, the annual Mother's Day Garden Party was held, and the Senior Prom was held on May 17.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Community Advisory Meeting

A Community Advisory Meeting was held on May 23, at the Moreno Valley Police Department. The goal of each meeting is to inform attendees of the history, purpose, benefits, and progress of the project. The meeting will also include an open forum for community input, questions, and answers.

## Citywide Camera System Update

The Moreno Valley Police Department is excited about the progress made to date in the City Wide Camera System Project. We currently have over forty fully functional cameras returning video to the Police Department Monitoring Room. In total, two-hundred cameras have been installed at fifty-four intersections and eight parks. The wireless infrastructure is being completed this week and all two hundred cameras will

## Direct and High Visibility Enforcement

Over the last month, the Moreno Valley Police Department deployed Special Enforcement Teams to conduct proactive high visibility and undercover enforcement operations in the Sunnymead and Perris corridors. A variety of operations have met with great success and criminals are being taken off the street. These additional resources will continue to be deployed as long as crime continues to affect the quality of life in the area.

## Case of the Month

This month, our officers responded to a business in the 13800 block of Old Highway 215, in the City of Moreno Valley, to investigate the report of a robbery. Our officers arrived within minutes and spoke to the cashier who reported a suspect entered the store, brandished a black handgun and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect eventually left the store in a black car with an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. The cashier followed the suspect car, but eventually lost sight it.

Officers who were conducting surveillance at a local motel for a separate operation saw the suspect car enter the motel parking lot. The officers confirmed the suspect vehicle description and detained two men in the car. The cashier was able to positively identify one of the men as the robber, and additional investigation revealed the second man was the getaway driver. During the investigation, our officers located a black handgun used in the robbery. Both suspects were booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center for robbery.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## **Capital Projects**

Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue

Construction for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project continues to progress on schedule. To date, all utility poles have been relocated to allow for the widening of the roadway. The contractor, Hillcrest Contracting, Inc., has already constructed the curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, cross gutters, driveway approaches, storm drain, paving for the street widening, and relocated all necessary traffic signals. Upcoming work includes slurry seal and striping. For such a large project (3.5 miles in length), the overall traffic impact has been minor and cooperation with owners and residents excellent.

The project objective includes constructing street



widening to a uniform six travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk,

curb ramps, driveway approaches, minor drainage improvements, utility relocation, and relocated traffic signals. Project completion is estimated for June 2013.

## <u>City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Floor Rehabilitation, Seismic</u> <u>Retrofit, and Roof Restoration</u>

Progress on the Construction Phase of the City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Floor Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit, and Roof Restoration Project is advancing quickly with the 6<sup>th</sup> week of construction reaching completion on May 6, 2013. To date, the rug, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inch plywood which was on top of the light weight concrete and concrete has all been removed. The contractor has also installed the additional seismic straps to the top of the plywood by nailing the 4"x83", 16 gage straps into the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor ceiling trusses under the bottom of the 2nd Floor plywood (as noted in the attached pictures). We are excited to announce the floor is now ready for the new acoustic concrete to be poured in place.

The sound you have all been hearing is the plywood remaining along the wall edge being screwed thru the remaining concrete into the bottom plywood layer (see the edge plywood along the bottom of the windows in the pictures). We know the sounds associated to the construction activity have been unusual and challenging at times so we would like to sincerely commend all Department/Division staff for bearing with the noise during the course of construction. The cooperation of Staff has been a great help and has lent to a smooth Construction Phase of the Project.



Construction on the roof has commenced. The roofers are installing additional seismic support straps to meet

existing building codes prior to application of the new roof protective surface.

The demolition of the upstairs bathrooms is also concurrently underway in preparation for remodeling. Plans for the remodel of the bathrooms are currently under review by the Building & Safety Division. We will keep you posted as the





Construction Phase continues to quickly progress towards completion.

## State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge

The west side of the new bridge has been completed. The contractor completed the deck and removed falsework supports (temporary formwork) over the freeway in early May. Southern California Edison has installed their facilities in Nason Street, in order to bring power for street lights and other new facilities on Nason Street that will be connected when the project is complete.

The contractor is building up the grade and has completed part of the new pavement for the east-bound off-ramp. After the west side of the bridge opened to traffic in late May, the contractor demolished the old bridge.

Once the bridge was demolished, the contractor started building the east side of the new bridge. There will be new lanes, sidewalks, street lights, and a median on Nason. The construction is expected to be completed in late winter 2014, with landscaping to follow.



State Route 60/Moreno Beach Dr. Interchange - Phase 1 In late April, the contractor completed and opened the new eastbound on-ramp to traffic. He installed an interim "stop" intersection at Moreno Beach and the ramp. At the same time, he opened a temporary eastbound off-ramp, allowing him to move traffic so he can build the permanent eastbound off-ramp faster than originally scheduled. Construction of the permanent eastbound off ramp has started with the import of fill material, and is expected to be complete by mid-June, approximately one month earlier than originally planned. Ultimately, a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of the new ramps and Moreno Beach Drive. Eucalyptus Avenue is expected to open by early August, earlier than planned.

The goal of the project is to realign the eastbound ramps to a "diamond" configuration and complete Eucalyptus, thereby providing better traffic circulation. Final acceptance is expected to be in October 2013.





Cactus/Nason Project

Construction work for widening one mile of Cactus Avenue from Lasselle Street to Nason Street and extending one mile of Nason Street from Cactus Avenue to Iris Avenue was recently completed on May 3, 2013; two months ahead of schedule and within the project budget.

Iris Avenue pavement rehabilitation between Kaiser Medical Office Building and Grande Vista Drive and installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Iris Avenue and Nason Street (at Hillrose Drive) are complete as well.



Completed Cactus Avenue



Completed Nason Street

## EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator

The project installed is a new generator set and tank located at the Conference and Recreation Center, which is designated as the EOC Family Care Center and adds a new 5,000 gallon fuel tank at the existing generator at City Hall. This new tank brings the existing generator into compliance with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) code 110-5.1.2, which requires adequate fuel capacity to run the generator for 96 hours. Construction of the EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator was started in November 2012.

The project construction continues to progress on schedule. The new generator set and the fuel tank was delivered to the site on January  $18^{\text{th}}$ . The upgrade tank for the exiting generator was also delivered in February and ready for connection. The contractor is in the

process of connecting the new generator to the power system feeding the Conference and Recreation Center via the Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS). Final site finishing and landscaping were completed end of April 2013 and construction finished mid-May 2013.

## <u>Street Improvement Program-Kentland Lane, Wilson</u> <u>Place And Kenny Drive</u>

The project involves the reconstruction of three (3) streets citywide with Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement roadway, striping, and signage. The improvements also include drainage, driveway construction, mailbox and utility relocations.

The three streets included in the improvements are: Kentland Lane south of Eucalyptus Avenue, Wilson Place from Hubbard Street to Kenny Drive, and Kenny Drive from Wilson Place to Hilton Street. The construction contract has been awarded to C & C Grading and Paving, Inc. on December 11, 2012. Construction started in January 2013. Kentland Lane was paved in early February. Wilson Place and Kenny Drive was paved in early March 2013. Striping and signage was completed the end of March 2013. The project construction was completed mid-April 2013.





## Maintenance & Operations

## Earth Day Mulch Event

To celebrate Earth Day 2013, the City's Solid Waste and Recycling Program hosted a Mulch Give-Away event on April 13, 2013. The event was held at the City Yard facility from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The mulch given away was generated through City tree trimming services. There were 150 participants that were provided with mulch and educational information regarding household hazardous waste. This helped to promote the City's Weekday Mulch Program, which is available to City residents Monday – Thursday between the hours of 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, and the practices of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. It is important to note that residents must bring their own buckets, bags and shovels when utilizing the Weekday Mulch Program.

## Moreno Valley Utilities

## MVU Sr. Electrical Engineer

Moreno Valley Utility would like to welcome and introduce our recently hired Sr. Electrical Engineer, Dan Pinsonneau. Dan joined MVU on April 22, 2013. Dan received a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1990. Dan's experience includes power generation assignments that took him all over the world, providing metering support to the California Independent System Operator, management of transmission line and substation upgrade projects for the Western Area Power Administration, and assisting PG&E to fully automate their network of distribution substations. He has worked alongside the dynamic solar energy movement as well as helped to develop utility scale advanced energy storage systems. He now looks forward to helping to grow Moreno Valley Utility to the next level, while meeting or exceeding its enviable record of uninterrupted service.