



May 2018

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MORENO VALLEY  
**CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

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Tom DeSantis, City Manager



## MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

### Local Cable Television Awards

The Media and Communications Division won eight local cable television awards at the recent 2018 STAR Awards, which recognize excellence in government programming in California and Nevada. The awards were presented at the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors' Spring Conference. Moreno Valley competed against numerous cities including Anaheim, Long Beach, Riverside, and San Diego. Moreno Valley received STAR Awards for Best Public Service Announcement, Best Use of Animation, Public Affairs, Public Safety, Special Audience, and Overall Excellence. These awards are the result of contributions made by the entire Media and Communications Team. Watch a few of the City's award-winning videos below:

- [State of the City 2018 Commercial](#)
- [Ride MoVal Public Service Announcement](#)
- [Hire a MoVal Grad Commercial](#)
- [California Earned Income Tax Credit Video](#)
- [Mayor's Minute – January 2018](#)
- [State of the City Public Safety Testimonial – Hatch Family](#)



# LIBRARY

## **Summer Reading Program**

Moreno Valley Public Library will host the Summer Reading Program (SRP) from June 18 through July 31 for readers of all ages. Special Summer Reading Program events will be hosted at the main library and mall branch locations. Summer Reading Program participants can earn prizes including certificates from Chick-fil-A, Fiesta Village, and Polly's Pies.

## **Veterans Resource Center**

The Moreno Valley Public Library Mall Branch will open a Veterans Resource Center on May 19. The goal of the Veterans Resource Center is to provide veterans and their families with local employment, health, and housing resources. This Veterans Resource Center is made possible through the California State Library Veterans Connect at the Library Grant.

## **Kitching Library Statistics:**

- 70 percent of new library cards are for adult library users
- Adult patrons checkout an average of 14 library materials per library visit
- Juvenile patrons checkout an average of 20 library materials per library visit
- Teen patrons checkout an average of 17 library materials per library visit
- A total of 2,891 library materials were checked out during the 1st quarter

## **Residents' Art Displayed at the Library**

In cooperation with the Moreno Valley Arts Commission, art created by Moreno Valley residents is now on public display at the Mall Branch Library. The Library looks forward to providing a large public platform to highlight art. Local artists are encouraged to work with the Arts Commission to have their work displayed, and residents are encouraged to stop by the Library to view the art – and check out a book or two.

# TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

## **All Fire Stations Equipped with Safety Cameras**

Cameras have been installed in City fire stations to increase firefighter safety. Cameras are integrated into the City wide system. City fire stations are now safer and the cameras add a layer of security while our firefighters are out on calls.



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# Human Resources Department

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RECRUITMENTS	
New Recruitments	8
Ongoing Recruitments	7
Closed Recruitments	6

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## EMPLOYEES

*438 Total*

## PROMOTIONS



**Patti Solano**  
*Parks & Community Services Director*  
*Parks & Community Services Department*



**Rudy Casados**  
*Parks Maintenance Supervisor*  
*Parks & Community Services Department*



**Alex Andrade**  
*Lead Parks Maintenance Worker*  
*Parks & Community Services Department*

## NEW HIRES



**Jeanine Heynen**  
*Recreation Program Leader*  
*Parks & Comm. Services Dept.*



**Victor Escoto**  
*Construction Inspector*  
*Financial & Management Services Department*

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# Community Development Department

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## ANIMAL SERVICES

### Fido's Fitness Challenge Results

On Saturday, April 7, the Animal Shelter hosted Fido's Fitness Challenge at Towngate Memorial Park. The event was sponsored by WRCOG. Nine pets found lifelong loving homes and more than \$2,300 was raised to help support shelter animals looking for forever homes and other shelter services.

### Save a Life Earth Day Pet Adoption Event Results

A total of **98 pets were adopted** - 33 family adoptions and 65 rescues – during April's Save a Life Earth Day Pet Adoption Event.

## BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

### Prologis Business Center

Construction is underway at a groundbreaking pace to complete the four industrial buildings in the Prologis Business Center near Eucalyptus Avenue and Moreno Beach Drive.

BUILDING & SAFETY ACTIVITY	April 2018	April 2017
Building Permits Issued	378	315
Construction Valuation	\$29,847,624	\$11,699,068

## CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	April 2018	April 2017
Cases Initiated	568	302
Closed Case Investigations	529	326



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# Economic Development Department

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## **Moreno Valley Celebrates Opening of Moreno Valley Hyundai Dealership**

The City celebrates the opening of Hyundai of Moreno Valley - the first new car dealership built in Moreno Valley in nearly fourteen years. The new dealership is located at 27500 Eucalyptus Avenue, near the Stoneridge Towne Center.

The City is thrilled to welcome Hyundai of Moreno Valley to our City. In addition to offering quality vehicles and generating tax revenues, the Hyundai dealer committed to the Hire MoVal program and filled many of the newly created dealership jobs with Moreno Valley residents.

The City Council approved the Hyundai dealership and an agreement to secure employment of Moreno Valley residents. Hyundai of Moreno Valley held several job recruitment fairs at the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center.



## **Key Statistics**

The following chart details the current statistics published for unemployment, the housing resale market and employment resources for the City of Moreno Valley.

<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
Employment Rate	95.4%

<b>HOME RESALE MARKET</b>	<b>March 2018</b>
Home Resale Value	\$325,026
Number of Resale Transactions	194

<b>EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER</b>	<b>February 2018</b>
Number of Persons Assisted	1,106
Number of Workshops	8
Number of Hiring Events	7

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

### **FY 2018-19 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Annual Action Plan**

On April 17, 2018 the City Council approved the City’s application for approximately \$3 million in funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The plan identifies how the City of Moreno Valley will support 30 activities across three separate grant programs in the upcoming year. Grant funds will be utilized to provide a variety of community development, housing, homeless programs and projects that benefit low and moderate-income households and neighborhoods in Moreno Valley.



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## Fire Department

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### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

#### EMD Response to Recovery Summit

Members of the City's Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department attended Riverside County's second annual Preparedness Summit at the Riverside Convention Center on April 4. The Summit, titled "From Response to Recovery" included various presentations by on credentialing, lessons learned from the 2017 hurricanes, Napa County wildfires, and active shooter incidents. Lessons learned from real-world incident recovery operations will better prepare OEM and the Fire Department for response to and recovery from potential disasters.

#### Volunteer of the Year

Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez and the City Council recently honored Milton Adams as the 2017 Volunteer of the Year. Mr. Adams has been a member of the City's Emergency Response Force (ERF) since 2013 and a volunteer with the Moreno Valley Police Department since 2007. Milt is always enthusiastic, organized and willing to assist both OEM and Moreno Valley police during emergency incidents and special events. His willingness to be of service to the City and community members makes Milton a pleasure to have as a volunteer.

### FIRE OPERATIONS

#### March Field Air & Space Air Show

March Air Field celebrated its 100th year with the March Field Air & Space Air Show on April 7 and 8. CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, City of Moreno Valley Fire Department, and the City's Office of Emergency Management partnered with March Air Field Fire Department to provide augmented fire protection within the March Air Reserve Base and surrounding areas. More than 300,000 were expected to attend the two-day event. CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department, Riverside City Fire Department and Moreno Valley Fire were strategically located throughout the airfield to provide for rapid response to any potential emergency events.

### FIRE PREVENTION

#### Hazard Abatement

The 2018 Hazard Abatement season has begun. Moreno Valley Fire Systems Inspectors completed initial compliance inspections of approximately 1,700 vacant parcels in an effort to mitigate fire hazards ahead of this year's official fire season. The inspectors also addressed any trash and debris found at these sites. This year, our Fire Inspection Team is utilizing new electronic tablets and mobile application that syncs with the City's ACP system, allowing inspectors to quickly assess information regarding vacant parcels and document any needed corrections.

#### International Code Council Building and Fire Code Hearings

Fire Marshal Adria Reinertson attended code hearings in Columbus, Ohio for the development of the 2021 International Building and Fire Codes. Adria along with several other Fire Code Officials from California, provided detailed testimony regarding proposed changes and additions to the model codes. Approximately 80 percent of the proposals brought forward by the California team were approved, including adding fire command centers to buildings larger than 500,000 sq. ft., regulations.





## SPECIAL TEAMS

In April, the Moreno Valley Police Department special teams made 51 felony arrests, 56 misdemeanor arrests and conducted 47 pedestrian checks and seven parole/probation searches. They also participated initiated contact with homeless individuals and members of our business community. The Robbery/Burglary suppression teams closed 31 cases in April.

## PATROL

Patrol officers responded to 14,490 calls for service during the month of April.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Moreno Valley Police Department and Community Services Unit hosted a Zone 1 and Zone 2 meeting to listen to resident concerns and share information about community-oriented policing and crime prevention. Approximately 50 residents attended. Zone maps were provided to residents to help provide a better understanding of how the Moreno Valley Police Department polices the City.

## MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

### Redlands Boulevard Pavement Overlay Project

In addition to routinely patching potholes, the Public Works Maintenance & Operations Division staff occasionally undertakes pavement overlay projects for small sections of severely distressed pavement.

The team recently completed a project on Redlands Blvd, south of the 60 Freeway overpass. Staff completed the 110-foot long section of road overlay in one day to minimize the impact on residents and local businesses.

This street improvement project highlight's the flexible use of in-house staff talent to deliver low-cost and highly responsive street maintenance improvements. More than 10,000 drivers travel that stretch of busy road daily.



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## Parks & Community Services Department

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The annual Springtastic was held on Saturday, March 31. Approximately 1,000 children between the ages of two and ten years old searched for 12,000 candy and prize filled eggs. Students also participated in sports activities and obstacle courses to promote healthy living.

### **Parks Projects**

- The restroom and shelter project has begun at John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Park. The project includes an Americans with Disabilities compliant restroom, picnic shelter, walkways, and drought tolerant landscaping. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the summer.
- The installation of the fitness equipment at El Potrero Park is complete. Residents will be able to utilize the new equipment as part of the Healthy Cities campaign.
- The Moreno Valley Community Park skate park design was awarded to RHA Landscape Architects. The company is currently working on conceptual drawings. The project is scheduled to be completed mid-2019.
- The synthetic turf has been replaced at Moreno Valley Community Park.



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# Office of the City Clerk & Council

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## **Public Safety Expo**

Thousands of Moreno Valley residents attended the 5th Annual Moreno Valley Public Safety Expo on April 14 at the Moreno Valley Civic Center.

Moreno Valley's firefighters and police officers had more than 40 displays and demonstrations, showcasing what they do best - keeping Moreno Valley safe. From K-9 demonstrations to firefighters using the Jaws of Life to show how they extract car accident victims, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

There were several additions to the event including a designated area for families with special needs children to take a break with items specific to their needs and a covered rest area for families near the food services area.



## **Summer at City Hall**

The 2018 Summer at City Hall program will be held in June and July to provide high school students with internships at City Hall. The collaborative project with Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD) is a leadership development and civic engagement program for students during the summer break. In addition to the academic aspect of the program, the City also develops work experience by providing internships twice per week.

The successful candidates were selected after a rigorous application and interview process. Several departments will benefit from the work the student interns will perform over the course of the program.

