



## Report to Arts Commission

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**TO:** Arts Commission

**FROM:** Patti Solano, Parks and Community Services Director

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**TITLE:** PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
MONTHLY UPDATE

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### ***Administration***

#### Marketing

- The over-hauled SOARING Activity Guide with four additional pages, full-color gloss text pages, and cover was distributed to residents the week of December 13.



- Parks and Community Services (PCS) implemented two user-friendly URLs for residents to view and register for all the innovative programs, classes, sports, and events. Residents can register online for a variety of PCS programs from the convenience of their home at no additional cost. To view information, residents can visit [MoValParks.org](http://MoValParks.org) and to register visit [RegisterMoVal.org](http://RegisterMoVal.org).

#### Community Events

- The C-X-C Challenge-International Cyclocross was held on November 17 and 18 at March Field Park, in collaboration with SoCal Cyclocross, with approximately 800 people attending throughout the two-day event. The event consisted of two days of bike racing action, C-X-C dirt duathlon, and 5K and 10K runs. The finals were held on December 15-16.

- The City celebrated the holiday season with the Annual Snow Day and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 8. The day-long event featured snow play, holiday games, crafts, and musical performances. The event culminated with the lighting of the 30-foot holiday tree, and a special appearance by Santa himself. Approximately 4,000 people attended Snow Day, with more than 1,000 wristbands being sold for the snow play area. The Tree Lighting Ceremony also experienced record-breaking crowds, with more than 500 people in attendance.



### Grant Programs

#### THINK Together

- The deadline for the next cycle of the After School Education and Safety Program Grant (ASES) Renewal Application is January 22. THINK Together will be collecting the Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts' required signatures and revising the Program Plan for review.
- Students at Moreno Elementary School focused on advancing their cooking techniques through the Creative Cooking Club. This club allows students to work with food following seasonal themes such as Halloween edible spiders.



- Students at Vista Verde Middle School were “all wrapped up” when they competed to determine who could wrap their teammates the fastest. Fun-filled activities such as these support teamwork, allow students to earn points for their groups, and set a positive and encouraging tone for the day.



- Students at Vista Verde Middle School planned and coordinated a Breast Cancer Awareness walk to help support and raise awareness. Parents and students were invited to walk the field together to show support.

#### A Child’s Place Grant Program

- A Child’s Place Program began on December 26 and concluded on January 11.
- ROSS Distribution Center participated in “Adopt a Child for Christmas” and adopted all 120 students in the program. Children completed their holiday wish lists and submitted those to ROSS the week of Thanksgiving. Gifts were distributed to the children December 17-21.

### ***Community Services Division***

#### Recreation Programs

- The Valley Kids Day Camp was held November 19-21 at the March Field Park Annex. Campers enjoyed a variety of activities including crafts, games, movies, and outdoor activities. Winter Camp began December 26 and will continue through January 11.



- Registration for the Winter/Spring session (January through April) classes is now available to the community on the City’s website [RegisterMoVal.org](http://RegisterMoVal.org). New classes are being offered in dance, martial arts, homework assistance, and life skills coaching.

### Sports Programs

- Registration is underway for the Pee Wee/Junior Soccer and Pee Wee/Junior/Junior+ Flag Football. Both programs focus on the fundamentals of the sport and teamwork. Volunteer coaches are needed for all teams.
- The Winter Youth Basketball League practices began in November with the league starting in January.
- The Competitive Co-ed Softball League is about half way through its season with eight teams competing.

### Senior Programs

- On November 20, 160 seniors enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast sponsored by the Highland Fairview outreach volunteer team. Seniors enjoyed food, drinks, music, and gifts.



- On November 29, seniors enjoyed chair volleyball, which was recently implemented as a healthy activity for the seniors.



## ***Parks Maintenance Division***

Park Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Repaired parking lot gate at Sunnymead Park.
- Painted storage building at Morrison Park.
- Sprayed weeds at various parks.
- Weed abated March Field Park.
- Graded race course and added obstacles for Cyclocross events at March Field Park in November and December.

The following projects are in progress:

- Continue to grind raised sidewalks at all parks.
- Install Cal Sense irrigation controller at Vista Lomas Park.
- Replace light pole bases at John F. Kennedy Memorial and Woodland Parks.
- Install/repair irrigation at Westbluff Park due to high school construction.
- Repair wiring to irrigation valves at Westbluff Park.
- Renovate fairways at Cottonwood Golf Center.
- Renovate turf at Hound Town Dog Park. Small dog area will remain closed until January 1.
- Assist Recreation staff with Snow Day and Tree Lighting Ceremony preparation.
- Trim hedges at various park sites.
- Repair lighting at various park sites.
- Replace interior restroom HID light fixtures with LED fixtures at Community Park.

### **Vandalism and Graffiti**

Parks Maintenance staff spent 20 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 11 sites.

### **Park Ranger Statistics**

Park Rangers patrolled 1,600 areas, had 1,935 public contacts, and issued 87 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol.

### **Court Referral Workers**

Court referrals worked 1,008 hours (126 work days).

### **Parks Projects**

- 1) Community Park Skate Park: The project was advertised on Planet Bids on November 21, with a bid opening day of December 17. All necessary permits have been acquired.
- 2) Civic Center Park and Amphitheater: City Council approved Architerra Design Group as the consultant for the design of the project. A purchase order for the project, which serves as the Notice to Proceed, was issued the week of December 3.
- 3) JFK Cell Tower: AT&T transferred the ball field lighting to the new poles the week of December 17.
- 4) Westbluff Park: The walkway project from Canyon Springs High School to Vista Heights Middle School through Westbluff Park is underway. On December 3, it was discovered that 60' of the project failed to comply with ADA, and the general

contractor was notified to replace the section to City standards. The project will also include LED lighting and a multi-use trail that wraps around the park.

5) March Annex: Installation of the new playground was completed on December 17.

### ***Conference and Recreation Center Rentals***

In addition to church services and various meetings in November, the following notable rentals were held at the Conference and Recreation Center.

- The Riverside County Office of Education hosted “Operation Recognition” awarding high school diplomas to veterans of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War I I, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or due to internment in World War I I Japanese-American relocation camps.
- The Salvation Army held its annual Thanksgiving Luncheon providing meals to the community as well as delivering meals to seniors and disabled persons in need.

The following organizations hosted their meetings, conferences, and banquets in the Grand Valley Ballroom:

- Riverside County Office on Aging Care Givers Conference
- Riverside University Health Systems Care Givers Conference
- Riverside County Department of Social Services Foster Family Providers meeting
- Vitas Health Care staff meeting
- Riverside County Probation Department Conference
- Moreno Valley College Fall Leadership Banquet
- MFI Recovery Services Retirement Lunch

The guest count attending functions for the month of November was approximately 2,250 guests.