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**CITY MANAGER**

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**Public Safety Expo Marketing**

The City's Media Team crafted a full marketing package to promote this year's Public Safety Expo. Media will also develop a unique live social media experience to accompany this engaging event. The [2017 Public Safety Expo](#) television commercial is available on the [City's YouTube Channel](#) and airs daily on MVTV-3.



**Mayor's Minute February 2017**

Mayor's Minute is a monthly news magazine series hosted by Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez. This month the Mayor introduces Balancing Act, an online tool for residents to engage in the City's budget process. Mayor Gutierrez also highlights successes at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, and provides an update on the Citywide Camera System. Mayor's Minute is available on the City's [YouTube Channel](#) and airs daily on MVTV-3.



The *City Manager's Update* is intended only to keep the City Council and City Department Heads current concerning ongoing and potential future matters. Much of the information contained in this *Update* is preliminary and subject to change. In particular, information concerning potential land use and/or economic development projects is to be considered tentative and preliminary (and in some cases may be speculative), subject both to change and to all future City review and approval processes. Nothing in this *Update* constitutes, evidences or implies City approval of any such project, nor City acceptance of any proposed terms of any agreement, contract or understanding referred to in this *Update*. All such matters remain fully subject to all normal City approval processes, up to and including public meetings and/or public hearings before the Planning Commission and/or City Council, at future dates.

## Community Day of Service

The City's graphic design team created marketing materials to promote the City's Community Day of Service event. The purpose of these marketing materials is to encourage residents and local stakeholders to participate in this special volunteer event. More information on this event is available at <http://www.moval.org/service-day>.



## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Animal Services Division**

#### "New Year's" Pet Adoption Event Results

A special month-long holiday pet adoption promotion was held at the Animal Shelter every Friday during the month of January. A total of 55 pets were adopted (49 family adoptions and 6 rescues), plus seven pets were reclaimed by their owners and two pets were placed into foster homes, resulting in **64 positive outcomes for pets** during this pet adoption promotion. The pet adoption fee for family adoptions was \$50 for any dog and \$25 for any cat. Adoption fees covered the spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip, and vaccinations.

#### Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events are planned at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter:

- Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic – Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Moreno Valley Animal Shelter
- St. Patrick's Day Pet Adoption Event – Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic – Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Moreno Valley Animal Shelter
- Save A Life Earth Day Pet Adoption Event – Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Human Resources Division**

Total: 15 recruitments as of 2/12/17

Recruitments		Workers Compensation	
New recruitments:	8	New claims	1
Ongoing recruitments	7	Ongoing open claims	28
Closed recruitments	6	Closed claims	2

Total Employees: 420

Retirements/Separations: 0/2

**New Hires**



Zuzzette Bricker

Emergency Management & Volunteer Services Program Manager



Martin Matus

Parks Maintenance Worker

**Library Services**

**Black History Month**

Moreno Valley Public Library celebrated Black History Month through displays and educational programs. Author Erich Hicks hosted an event about the first African American postal carrier named Mary Fields (Stagecoach Mary). The library also showed films including Remember the Titans and Rosewood during Teen Night programs.



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## Writer's Expo

The Moreno Valley Public Library hosted a Writer's Expo on January 21. Library staff welcomed 427 attendees to this program.

## Statistical Information

Library patrons were provided with free adult, children, and teen programs in January. Library programs focused on health and wellness. The following are January statistics:

### General Statistics

- Door Count – 20,916 library patrons
- Circulation – 21,198 library materials
- Hours of operation – 264 hours
- Reference Questions – 2,134 questions
- New library cards issued – 503 library cards
- New materials added – 711 library materials

### Computer Statistics

- 15 minute computers – 692 sessions
- 30 minute computers – 352 sessions
- 60 minute computers – 2,793 sessions
- Children's computers – 750 sessions

### Programming Statistics

- Bilingual storytime – 4 programs, 108 attendees
- Citizenship classes – 4 programs, 40 attendees
- Family Programs – 3 programs, 78 attendees
- Preschool Storytime – 4 programs, 88 attendees
- Veterans Connect Assistance – 10 library patrons
- VITA Programs – 2 programs, 26 attendees

## **PURCHASING & FACILITIES DIVISION**

### Upcoming Facilities Projects

1. An outdoor dog run on the south side of the Animal Shelter will be constructed by the end of March. This area will be an enhancement to the facility and give our canine residents a place to run, play and give potential new owners an area to bond with these furry friends. The area is 16 ft by 60 ft and will include areas of artificial turf.
2. A new fence and gate will be installed in the City vehicle parking area just north of City Hall. This project will add security to parked City vehicles. The current fence will be extended to include a larger secured vehicle parking area and an automated gate which will be operated by employee access keycard.
3. Fire Station 65 has had a reoccurring issue with theft from both staff vehicles and inside the station. Facilities staff is working on plans to construct an automated gate to mitigate open access to the

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parking lot and the back of the building. This fire station is the only location without this security feature and will be a welcome addition to the facility.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **Administration**

#### First Nandina

The First Nandina project was approved by the Planning Commission on October 9, 2014. No appeal was filed on the project. Demolition of the existing structures on the site was completed in April 2016. The project proposes to construct a 1.45 million square foot warehouse/distribution center on 73 acres located at the southwest corner of Indian Street and Nandina Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The developer, First Industrial Properties, has received strong early interest from potential tenants.

#### First San Michele Logistics

First Industrial is constructing an 187,000 square foot logistics facility at San Michele Road and Perris Boulevard. The structure is nearing completion and the tenant, Wiseway Transportation Services, has been issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for storage purposes while construction is being completed. Final inspection of the shell building is expected in February moving Wiseway one step closer to Certificate of Occupancy. Community Development, along with other departments, is working with the developer and tenant to get the facility ready for use on a permanent basis as soon as possible.

#### March Business Center

Western Realco's March Business Center project at the southeast corner of Iris Avenue and Heacock Street, in the Moreno Valley South Industrial Area, is more than 70% complete to date. The project was approved for 1,484,000 square feet of warehouse/logistics space on the 75-acre site. The first two buildings, the larger of which encompasses 1,103,000 square feet, are complete. Western Realco has sold both buildings and the larger building has been leased to Floor and Décor with operations under way.

#### Karma Automotive

The tenant improvement for Karma Automotive, at 17100 Perris Boulevard, is approximately 98% complete. To date, more than 20 permits have been issued. The construction of the new office area, which began in November 2015, is now complete. The process of testing of all assembly and paint equipment, robots, computers, and procedures is complete or near completion. Karma has been constructing "test" vehicles, attending auto shows, and is gearing up for full production and sales.

#### Prologis

The 601,810 SF Prologis industrial building on the corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue has been issued a grading permit and work has begun. The building plans are approved and ready to be issued once the grading is complete and pad certifications are approved.

#### SimpliCITY – Making Your Job Super Simple with ACP!

On December 6, 2016, the city of Moreno Valley launched SimpliCITY enhancing the way we do business between departments and divisions and dramatically changing the way we deliver customer care.

The next phase of the project will be implementing the online portion giving access to our customers to process payments, check project status, submit items, schedule tasks and many more. The SimpliCITY team will begin this work by spring.

## **BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION**

### Projects

- Plans have been submitted for a 104 guest room Holiday Inn Express, a four-story 114 guest room Residence Inn, and a 76 gas station and convenience store at the northeast corner of Day and Eucalyptus, the former site of Robertson’s Ready Mix. These are the first three plan check submittals for the “Quarter Project” which will eventually also include a drive-thru fast-food restaurant and two retail/restaurant buildings.
- Final Certificates of Occupancy are expected to be issued soon to both the El Pollo Loco restaurant and O’Reilly Auto Parts store located on the 15000 block of Perris Boulevard.
- The Cupcake and Espresso Bar and Dickey’s Barbeque Pit are working diligently toward Certificates of Occupancy and being open to the public as soon as possible. Both of these businesses are located near the recently opened Jimmy John’s Gourmet Sandwiches located at the corner of Day Street and Campus Parkway.
- The tenant improvement for Moreno Valley’s first Mountain Mike’s Pizza, located in the 24000 block of Alessandro Boulevard, is progressing and the restaurant is expected to be open by early spring.

Quick Statistics

The following Building & Safety Division statistics compare January year over year activity between 2017 and 2016.

<b>BUILDING &amp; SAFETY</b>	<b>January 2017</b>	<b>January 2016</b>
Customer Counter Visits-Total/Daily Average	599/29	579/30
Building Permits Issued	168	156
Construction Valuation	\$328,261	\$2,211,175
Construction Inspections Performed	963	1,132
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	22	19
Plan Check Activity	123	240
Monthly Revenue	\$145,949	\$89,500

<b>CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY</b>	<b>Business Name</b>
<b>Temporary Certificates of Occupancy</b>	
BFC16-0195 (renewal)	O’Reilly Auto Parts (Perris Blvd)
BFC17-0016 (renewal)	Serta Simmons
BFC17-0001 (renewal)	El Pollo Loco
BFC17-0013 (renewal)	Wiseway Transportation Services
BFC16-0123	Farm Market
BFC17-0004 (renewal)	Floor & Decor
<b>Large project Certificates of Occupancy</b>	
BFC16-0075	Cardinal Glass expansion

Restaurant Certificates of Occupancy	
BFC16-0078	All American Ice Cream & Frozen Yogurt
Tract Certificates of Occupancy	
Lot #	Developer & Tract #
15	Pacific Communities - 30268
30	RSI Homes – 27251
3	RSI Homes – 27251-1

## Code & Neighborhood Services Division

### Quick Statistics

The following Code & Neighborhood Services Division statistics compare January year over year activity between 2017 and 2016.

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	January 2017	January 2016
Cases Initiated	361	356
Closed Case Investigations	304	316
Parking Citations Issued	2,109	2,282
Administrative Citations Issued	38	54
Counter Customers	377	366

## ***Planning Division***

### Quick Statistics

The following Planning Division statistics compare January year over year activities between 2017 and 2016.

PLANNING	January 2017	January 2016
Counter Customers	286	258
Entitlement Major Applications	7	9
Minor Applications	60	43
Plan Check Submittals	49	61
Application Fees	\$99,356	\$111,891

## Planning Commission

January 26, 2017

- A General Plan Annual Report update was presented to the Planning Commission.
- The Planning Commission approved a Planned Unit Development, including applications for a General Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Conditional Use Permit and Plot Plan, for a subdivision of 53 acres into

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221 single-family residential lots located at southeast corner of Gentian Avenue and Indian Street. The project has been conditioned to provide several amenities consistent with the requirements for a Planned Unit Development including the completion of a segment of the Juan Bautista De Anza trail within the adjacent California Aqueduct easement. The applicant is Mission Pacific Land Company. The project is located in City Council District 4.

- A Plot Plan was approved by the Planning Commission for 58 multi-family condominium units with common open space on 4.8 net acres. The project includes two and three unit building types. All units within the project include three bedrooms. The project is located at northwest corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Chara Street. The applicant is Creative Design Associates. The project is within City Council District 3.
- Planning Commission approved a Tentative Tract Parcel Map to subdivide one legal parcel into two parcels on 1.1 gross acres. The property is developed with existing single-family home. The project is located at northeast corner of Jeranella Court and Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is LGS Engineering, Inc. The project is within City Council District 3.
- The Planning Commission considered a General Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Tentative Tract Map, Plot Plan and Expanded Environmental Review/Initial Study for development of a residential project known as Ironwood Village and elected to continue the item to a subsequent meeting of the Planning Commission on February 9, 2017. The project proposes to develop a 181 lot single-family residential development on approximately 68.5 net acres. The project is located northeasterly of the intersection of Ironwood Avenue and Nason Street, and bounded by Ironwood Avenue on the south, Nason Street on the west, Oliver Street on the east, and vacant land to the north. The applicant is Global Investment & Development, LLC. The project is within the City Council District 2.

#### City Council

No Planning items presented in January.

#### Administrative Approvals

The following projects were approved administratively in January:

- An Extension of Time was approved for a 49-unit condominium project located on the south side of Alessandro Boulevard between Kitching Street and Lasselle Street. The applicant is Anvari Association. The project is located within the City Council District 3.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for Practical Believers in Christ Church located at 23750 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Sandra Burwell. The project is within City Council District 1.
- A Plot Plan was approved for the construction of a 6,211 square foot mezzanine within an existing warehouse building located at 24101 Iris Avenue. The applicant is Jacob Huber. The project is within City Council District 4.

#### Recent Case Submittals

- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for construction of a 77 space parking lot located north of Resource Way, west of Frederick Street. The applicant is Winchester Associates. The project is within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted to install a 1,250 square foot manufactured second residential unit. The project is located at 24113 Eucalyptus Avenue. The project is within City Council District 1.



- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted to install several signs at pump stations at Circle Mobile Gas Station located at 12625 Frederick Street. The applicant is Promotion Plus Sign Company. The project is within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a detached 816 square foot garage located at 11135 Indian Street. The project is within City Council District 2.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a new exterior sign plan for the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center located at 12815 Heacock Street. The applicant is Kaiser Foundation Health. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- A Plot Plan for a 335,966 square foot industrial warehouse/logistics building on approximately 14.51 gross acres located west of Perris Boulevard and south of Nandina Avenue was submitted. The applicant is Newcastle Partners, Inc. The project is located within City Council District 4.
- PEN17-0013 – A Plot Plan for a phasing plan for a medical complex comprised of two medical offices and three assisted living facilities. The medical complex is already under review. The project is located at the southeast corner of Brodiaea Avenue and Nason Street. The applicant is Galaxy Management. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- PEN17-0008 – An Extension of Time for a Tentative Condominium Map was submitted for 39 detached planned unit development located at southeast corner of Kitching Street and Alessandro Boulevard. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- PEN17-0002 – An Extension of Time was submitted for 52 unit condominiums complex located at Perris Boulevard, south of Cactus Avenue and north of Delphinium. The applicant is Anvari Associates. The project is located within City Council District 3.

### Other Highlights

Staff is reviewing an Initial Study and Notice of Preparation to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report for a 668,681 square foot industrial warehouse building on approximately 31 acres in the City of Perris. The proposed project is located approximately a half mile south of the City of Moreno Valley's southern city limits.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **HIRE MOVAL: HYUNDAI OF MORENO VALLEY BEGINS HIRING**

Last year, the City of Moreno Valley celebrated the decision by Hyundai of Moreno Valley to open a new, state-of-the-art dealership at 27500 Eucalyptus Avenue, near the Stoneridge Towne Center. Over the past several months, the Economic Development Department (EDD) has been working diligently to support the new dealership during plan check, construction, and employee recruitment.

In addition to offering quality vehicles and generating tax revenues, the Hyundai dealer committed to participating in the Hire MoVal program to fill at least 30% of the 35 newly created dealership jobs with Moreno Valley residents. Activating the City's Hire MoVal program, EDD recently partnered with Moreno

Valley Hyundai to host several job fairs at the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center (ERC) to help the dealer fill his employee needs.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT

Unemployment in Moreno Valley has declined substantially since it peaked at 17.5% in 2010. At 5.7%, December tied with May of this year, marking the lowest unemployment rate Moreno Valley has experienced since the peak. The following table provides comparison unemployment data for the State, County, and several Inland Empire cities:

	<u>December 2015</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>December 2016</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>December 2016</u> <u>Unemployed Count</u>
California	5.8%	5.2%	1,009,000
Riverside County	6.1%	5.3%	56,500
Banning	5.4%	4.7%	500
Beaumont	3.6%	3.1%	600
Corona	4.7%	4.1%	3,400
Eastvale	4.1%	3.5%	1,000
Hemet	8.4%	7.4%	2,200
Menifee	7.1%	6.3%	2,300
<b>Moreno Valley</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5,300</b>
Murrieta	4.9%	4.3%	2,300
Perris	8.9%	7.8%	2,300
Riverside	5.8%	5.1%	7,700
San Jacinto	9.1%	8.0%	1,500
Temecula	4.4%	3.8%	2,000

#### Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center Update:

The Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center (ERC) is a vital community resource that provides workforce development services for both employers and job seekers.

For job seekers, the ERC is a welcoming space where friendly and knowledgeable staff members help residents access vital services such as:

- A Hot Jobs Posting Board
- Monthly Workshops (such as Resume Building)
- Interview Preparation / Mock Interviews
- Job Fairs
- One-on-one Assistance
- Computer, copier, fax, and internet access (for job purposes only).
- Resource Library
- Veterans Career Services



During the month of January 2017, the ERC provided the following services:

	January 2017	Year To Date
Total Number of People Assisted	739	739
Number of Moreno Valley Residents	636	636
Percentage Moreno Valley Residents	86%	86%
<b>Number of Workshops</b>		
Number of Workshops	2	2
<b>Number of Job Fairs</b>		
Number of Job Fairs	10	10

For employers, ERC staff members help with candidate screenings, job fairs, job recruitment postings, and much more.

The ERC is located at **12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center and is open Monday-Thursday and every other Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** For more information, residents and employers are encouraged to call 951.413.3920 or email [erc@moval.org](mailto:erc@moval.org).

#### HOME RESALE MARKET

Home sales information from CoreLogic ([www.corelogic.com](http://www.corelogic.com)) indicates that Moreno Valley's average home resale values remained steady in December 2016, dropping just slightly from \$293,712 in November to \$291,622 in December. The volume of sales dropped as people delayed moves until after the holidays. Compared to December 2015, the average resale housing price has increased by \$20,715, a 7.6% increase in one year.

The monthly and annual volume and value trends are shown in the chart below.

	November 2016	December 2016	Monthly Change	December 2015	Annual Change
Number of Resale Transactions	212	188	Down 11.3%,	183	Up 2.7%,
Home Resale Value	\$293,712	\$291,622	Down 0.7%	\$270,907	Up 7.6%

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

Curious about what's coming to Moreno Valley? If you want to be the first to know about coming businesses and new developments under construction, check out monthly update of the [Economic Development Summary](#).

#### FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The City of Moreno Valley was ranked as one of the financially strongest cities in the United States, according to an analysis of city fiscal strength by The Fiscal Times. Moreno Valley's modest debt loads and large general reserve funds established for emergencies and contingencies are contributing factors that helped the City rise to the top of the rankings. Moreno Valley placing third out of 116 cities surveyed with populations over 200,000. Ratings were based on the following five factors:

1. The ratio of a city's general fund balance to its expenditures
2. The ratio of its long term obligations to total government-wide revenues
3. The ratio of actuarially determined pension contributions to total government-wide revenues
4. Change in local unemployment rates
5. Change in property values

Despite challenges that caused other cities to go bankrupt during the Great Recession, Moreno Valley took a highly disciplined, methodical approach to meet the challenges of the time and emerged by 2013/14 with a balanced budget, which has remained fully balanced over the last four consecutive years, and the General Fund Reserve has increased to pre-recession levels.

## **Treasury Operations**

### Debt Management Policy

The City Council adopted the revised Debt Management Policy. This policy establishes the City Council's commitment to issuing and managing debt in a prudent, transparent and responsible manner. The addition of new provisions related to the commitment to meet ongoing continuing disclosure requirements, agreed to in the bond documents, supports transparency and communication to the financial markets and investors.

### Annual Business License Renewal Update

The Business License renewal season is in full swing. The Business License renewals were due Tuesday January 31, 2017, and to date more than 6,000 businesses have filed their renewals. Any renewals received after January 31, 2017, will be considered late and will be assessed a late fee. Approximately 2,000 late notices were sent out to businesses that had not yet renewed. We have seen a huge increase in the number of businesses that filed their renewals through the Business License On-line Renewal web portal. Through January we have seen 1,500 businesses take advantage of the on-line renewal features which is up from 1,100 in the prior year. If you have any questions please feel free to consult the Business License webpage ([www.moval.org/biz-lic](http://www.moval.org/biz-lic)) or contact the Business License team at 951-413-3080.

## ***Electric Utility Division***

### MVU Annual Report

The inaugural edition of the Moreno Valley Utility (MVU) Annual Report is now available. The report provides a financial summary of MVU, statistical information, and a brief discussion about the focus on reliability and providing excellent customer service.

## ***Financial Operations Division***

### FY 2017/18 CDBG, HOME & ESG Grant Application Workshop held

The City of Moreno Valley anticipates receiving a cumulative allocation of almost \$2.6M in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). CDBG program funds must be used for programs and projects benefiting low- and moderate-income residents or neighborhoods, to eliminate slums and blight, or to address community-wide emergency needs. HOME program funds must be used to create, retain or rehabilitate affordable housing. ESG program funds must be used to improve the quality of life for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

Examples of eligible projects include neighborhood public improvements, housing rehabilitation programs, affordable housing creation, crime prevention, code enforcement, economic development, public

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services. Both government and certified non-profit agencies may apply for project or program funding that benefits low- and moderate-income persons in Moreno Valley.

To assist applicants, on Friday, January 13, 2017, the Financial Operations Division hosted a FY 2017/18 Grant Application Workshop in the City Council Chambers. The workshop covered topics including:

- The Reason for Application Period,
- The Timeline (Important Dates),
- Grant –Specific Requirements,
- City Grant Objectives and Policies,
- Scoring Criteria,
- Tips for completing the application, and more.

Although the workshop was NOT mandatory, approximately 30 attendees from various organizations took the opportunity to learn about the application process and ask project-specific questions. For those who were unable to attend, the application workshop materials are available by contacting 951.413.3449 or [np@moval.org](mailto:np@moval.org). The FY 2017-18 Grant Applications can also be found on the City website at ([http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/city\\_hall/departments/fin-man-serv/pdf/CDBGApp-Info013017.pdf](http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/city_hall/departments/fin-man-serv/pdf/CDBGApp-Info013017.pdf)).

#### Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) Count – January 2017

The 2017 Homeless Point-in-Time (PIT) count was completed in Moreno Valley on the morning of January 24 from approximately 5 am to 10 am. The PIT serves as a snapshot of a community’s homeless situation on any given day. Thanks to the 25 community volunteers, members of the MV Police Dept. Homeless Outreach Team, City staff, and non-profit coordinators who gathered at City Hall before heading out to canvas the streets of Moreno Valley in search of homeless individuals.

In preparation, for the count, the City was divided into areas (grids) where encampment sites were mapped. Grids were assigned to teams of trained volunteers who would then visit the site and approach homeless status and collected critical information on the individual’s last place of residence, background, and medical history. Incentive bags containing useful hygiene items and phone numbers were provided to those surveyed. Transportation to shelter was also available for homeless veterans in need of immediate assistance. The PIT report for Riverside County is expected to be released in April. The data helps measure progress in efforts to end homelessness and also examines the needs and circumstances of those who are homeless in our community.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### Fire Prevention

On January 1, the latest California Fire and Building codes went into effect. Staff has been familiarizing themselves with the new codes so we may continue to serve our customers in the most efficient manner possible. Staff has also been working on updating our guidelines, policies, and informational bulletins to reflect the new set of codes and to provide the public with the most up to date information.

On January 23, Fire Prevention conducted a follow up inspection after an accidental sprinkler activation that occurred on January 21 at the Cottonwood Place Apartments. Two units from the complex sustained significant water damage that caused two families to be temporarily relocated and receive assistance

from the Red Cross. Fire Prevention staff work closely with the Cottonwood Place management to ensure that the fire sprinkler system was restored to service.

Fire Prevention staff continues to work with Technology Services (TS) in perfecting the automation of our annual fire inspection programs to include business inspections, multi-family inspections, and state mandated inspections, i.e. schools.

Staff is working with TS and Finance regarding third party billing for the Fire Prevention Inspection program. Additionally, Fire Prevention and TS are testing the Hazard Abatement module in preparation for issuing notices to owners of vacant parcels to begin the abatement process.

### Office of Emergency Management



On January 4, Office of Emergency Management held a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class for the Emergency Response Force (ERF) and ACES/RACES volunteers. This class provided the participants the education and training needed to perform CPR in an emergency situation.

Volunteers from the Emergency Response Force (ERF) participated in several City events during the month of January. ERF, in support of Moreno Valley's Parks and Recreation, were present at the SoCal CycloCross held at March Field Park



Community Center and Hike to Terri Peak sponsored by the Recreational Trails Board. ERF was onsite to provide basic first aid, hydration and a heating center for the participants. No aid was required, however several participants from each event utilized ERF's services to rest, hydrate and stay warm.



On January 20 and 22, the City of Moreno Valley activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to manage the City's response to two significant storm events. Pre-storm preparation and vigilance by City staff significantly reduced flooding of homes and local streets. The coordination between Office of Emergency Management (EOM) and the Public Works Department Operations Center (DOC) minimized the local impacts as a result of the above average rainfall.

Teams actively monitored "hot spots" affected by the heavy rains and dispatched crews to clear roads and respond to other storm-related issues. OEM staff worked closely with the County of Riverside's Emergency Management Department (EMD) to monitor regional traffic conditions, provide situational updates, and maintained constant communication throughout the event.

### Fire Operations

#### Fire Department Significant Events

On January 1, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion were dispatched to a reported traffic collision. Upon arrival of Engine 48, firefighters found a two-car traffic collision with three patients. One patient had been ejected from the vehicle and had major injuries. The other two patients had sustained minor injuries. Fire Department paramedics began immediate assessment and treatment of the injured. The patient with major

injuries was immediately loaded by AMR with Fire Department paramedics maintaining patient care. All three patients were transported to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Emergency Department.

On January 5, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion were dispatched to a reported structure fire in Fire Station 99's primary response area. Upon arrival, firefighters confirmed a working fire in the chimney and chimney box atop a two-story single family residence, an aggressive coordinated interior and exterior attack brought the fire under control in 25 minutes and was confined to the fire place, chimney and chimney box with no extension. There were no injuries to Fire Department personnel.

On January 13, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion were dispatched to a reported person stabbed. Upon arrival of Engine 48, firefighters found a male patient with multiple lacerations to the chest and arms. Fire Department paramedics immediately began Advance Life Support (ALS) assessment of the patient who was in critical condition. The patient was immediately transported to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) by AMR with Fire paramedic maintaining patient care and ALS treatment. Further follow up at the hospital placed the patient in critical condition with a laceration to the heart.

On January 15, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion were dispatched to medical emergency. Upon arrival of Engine 65, firefighters found a male patient unconscious/unresponsive with bystanders attempting cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Upon further assessment, the patient was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Firefighters took over CPR and began aggressive Advance Life Support (ALS) intervention, which included stabilizing the patient's airway, cardiac monitoring, IV assess and administering medication. Within 10 minutes of intervention the patient regained a pulse and had a blood pressure. The patient was transported to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) by AMR with Fire paramedic maintaining patient care and ALS treatment. Patient was turned over to Emergency Department staff for further treatment.

On January 16, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion were dispatched to a reported traffic collision requiring extrication. Upon arrival of Engine 91, firefighters confirmed a three vehicle traffic collision with one vehicle on its side. A total of three patients were involved which were triaged as one immediate and two minors. A rapid trauma assessment was conducted by Fire Department paramedics for injuries and needs. The patient that was trapped was assessed and found not breathing with rapid shallow pulses and major head trauma. Advance Life Support (ALS) care was administered by Fire paramedics and included Intravenous access, Cardiac Monitoring, oxygen and drug therapy. Unfortunately, due to the extensive extrication required to remove the patient, the patient passed away during the extrication process. The other two patients were treated and transported by AMR to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) for further evaluation.

On January 30, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion were dispatched to a reported structure fire in Fire Station 48's primary response area. Upon arrival, firefighters reported heavy fire and smoke coming from the "A" side of the structure. With a coordinated effort between the interior hose crews and Quint Two performing vertical ventilation the fire was quickly contained to the front living room area. There were no injuries to the public, residents or firefighters.



On January 31, units from the Moreno Valley Battalion responded to a reported medical emergency. Upon arrival of Engine 6, firefighters found a young female adult patient that was responsive to painfully stimulation only. The patient's condition rapidly deteriorated into cardiac arrest as the Fire paramedic was conducting an assessment. Fire paramedic immediately initiated Advance Life Support (ALS) interventions and Pit Crew cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was established. An additional Engine Company was requested for additional staffing to assist with the Pit Crew CPR. The patient was loaded and transported by AMR to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) with Moreno Valley Fire Department paramedics maintaining patient care. Patient arrived at the Emergency Department where staff continued resuscitative efforts for approximately 45 minutes. Fire Department paramedics were uncertain of the outcome of this patient.

## PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### *Community Events*

- The City hosted the first annual MoVal CycloCross on January 15<sup>th</sup> at March Field Park. There were 154 registered riders, which included 108 unique riders and 70% of returning riders from Ventura, San Diego, and San Francisco. The Kiddie and Doggie Course included children who rode their bikes on a mini track designed just for them. Riders were awarded prizes for placing in each race. Moreno Valley Unified School District had 27 student volunteers and they did an amazing job.



### *Special Event Permits*

### *Community Services Division*

#### Recreation Programs

- The **Time for Tots** program had many fun-filled special activity days in the month of February including Dr. Seuss Day, Dinosaur Day, and Disney Day. The participants held a Valentine' Day potluck at their sites and enjoyed exchanging their holiday cards and treats.



- New **Recreation Classes** include the following:
  - **Bowling Club** is an eight-week class for children ages 5-17.
  - **Creative Writing** is a four-week class that provides students ages 13 years and older an opportunity to learn all aspects of writing, such as story structure, how to get beyond the first draft, and how to avoid common writing mistakes.
  - **Traditional Karatedo** is a four-week class for students ages 5 years and older that will teach the art of "empty hand self-defense."
- Staff is preparing a very exciting curriculum for the upcoming **Spring Valley Kids and Teen Camps** beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> at March Field Park. This camp is offered for all kindergarten through seventh graders. Campers will spend their vacations from school enjoying holiday and seasonal crafts, playing festive fun-filled games, and much more.





## Sports Programs

- The ***Pee Wee and Junior Soccer*** started on January 17 and will run through March 1. This program focuses on the soccer fundamentals rather than competition. Participants, ages 3-7 years, will participate in the six-week program, practicing for the first three weeks and playing non-competitive 30-minute games during the last three weeks.



- The ***Winter Youth Basketball League*** ended its season, concluding with the all-star games on February 4. On February 18, the playoffs of the top four teams in the standings played for a spot in the championships on February 22.
- The ***Adult Softball League*** co-ed competitive division playoffs were held on January 29 at Sunnymead Park. The “C” men’s playoff and championship was held on February 2 with team Sucios coming out victorious. The “D” Men’s division playoffs will be held February 9.

## ***Grant Program***

### A Child’s Place

- The All About Science program is underway at all sites. Staff has created fun hands-on engaging lesson plans to teach the children about the scientific method. Children have been creating, experimenting, and learning about reactions. While doing the activities, the children are learning about forming a hypothesis, performing the experiment, and analyzing what occurred. All of their work is logged into their Desired Results paper and used for their learning assessments.
- Staff will be attending two upcoming conferences including The Child Care Nutrition and Physical Activity Forum and Family Services Association’s Early Childhood Education “The Roots of Future Success.”



## THINK Together

- The GATE students in the Seneca Elementary School developed the first-ever THINK Together Newspaper Club. What started out as a “Thirsty News” newsletter for their business class expanded into a full-fledged newsletter distributed to all students.
- THINK Together offers a robotics program that supports the students’ interest in STEM. There are two STEM Program Leaders who travel to the middle school to facilitate robotics lesson plans and build mini robots with the students. The students are very excited about their abilities to not only build robots, but also their abilities to install codes which make the robots move.
- Students at Towngate Elementary School listened to the story of Garrett Morgan, and the street signal invention during their Academic Enrichment time in the THINK Together program. Students collaborated with each other on their own creative inventions which they shared with the other students. Students were taught the scientific process so they understood the idea, steps, work, and collaboration that goes into creating a new invention.



## ***Parks Maintenance Division***

Park Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Added wooden fibar to playgrounds at Woodland and Parque Amistad Parks.
- Retrofitted irrigation and re-sod infield at Sunnymead Park’s Remy Field.

The following projects are in progress:

- Install new weather-based (CalSense) irrigation controllers at Gateway Park.
- Add wooden fibar to Adrienne Mitchell Memorial and Pedronena Parks.
- Make repairs to Celebration Park water feature; have one bid.
- Grade infields and remove high areas in grass infield and transition at Shadow Mountain Park ball fields.
- Aerify sports fields at Lassalle Sports Park and El Potrero East Park, and fertilize all fields.
- Top-dress and seed El Potrero Park and Lasselle Sports Park beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Repair pump repair at John F. Kennedy Memorial Park.
- Groom trails at Hidden Springs Paseo, Pigeon Pass and Sunnymead Ranch.

## Vandalism and Graffiti

Parks Maintenance staff spent 53 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 15 sites through January.

## Park Ranger Statistics

Through January, Park Rangers patrolled 953 areas, made 1,457 public contacts, and issued 117 citations.

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## Court Referral Workers

Through January, court referrals worked 688 hours or 86 work days.

## ***Parks Projects Program***

### Projects in Progress

The Shadow Mountain Park playground construction continues to progress slower than anticipated due to rain. It is anticipated construction will be completed late spring or early summer depending on the weather.



## ***FACILITY RENTALS***

### Conference and Recreation Center

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

- The Moreno Valley College hosted its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Breakfast with a record crowd of more than 300 guests.
- The Riverside County Office of Education hosted two Leadership Network Forum Trainings for educators throughout Riverside County.
- The Boy Scouts of America hosted awards dinners for both the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts.
- Westech College hosted its student graduation ceremony at which approximately 400 guests in attended.
- Riverside County Office of Education hosted a joint networking meeting with all the County's school districts.
- The Riverside County Sheriff's hosted a Women's Symposium highlighting various career paths for women in law enforcement.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### CASE OF THE MONTH

On January 29, 2017, officers with the Moreno Valley Police Department responded to the 22000 block of Pahute Drive in Moreno Valley regarding a domestic violence incident. Upon arrival, they located the twenty-eight year old female victim with traumatic injuries. The victim was transported to the Riverside University Health System for treatment. The initial investigation determined the victim had been habitually abused over

several years, but had never reported the incidents to police. The suspect faces fifteen years to life in prison due to injuries the victim endured during the recent assault.

The suspect, her live in boyfriend, fled the scene prior to officers arriving at the location. The officers were unable to locate the suspect and left the scene. The victim was later released from the hospital. She requested officers to her residence in order to collect her personal belongings. The officers arrived at the residence with a K-9 for the victim's safety. Officer Santisteven opened the front door and made multiple K-9 announcements for the suspect to show himself. After receiving no response, Officer Santisteven's K-9, "Ozzi," began a search of the residence. K-9 "Ozzi" located the suspect hiding in a couch. The suspect had hollowed out the couch creating a void so he could not be seen under the cushions. He was armed with a hammer and was waiting for the victim to return home. The suspect was arrested and booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center for kidnapping, attempted murder, and spousal abuse. He currently remains in custody on a \$2 million dollar bail.



### PATROL

Patrol officers responded to more than 13,897 calls for service during the month of January.

On January 16, 2017, at 6:51pm, officers with the Moreno Valley Police Department responded to the 24000 block of Stone Bridge Court in Moreno Valley regarding a subject with an outstanding warrant for attempted murder. Officers briefed a containment plan and set up a perimeter before making contact with the occupants of the residence. As officers approached, the suspect fled over the back wall where he was met by officers on the perimeter. After a short foot pursuit and K-9 deployment, the suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center.



### COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

During the month of January, the Community Services Team participated in the following meetings: 3 Explorer meetings, 1 Volunteer meeting, 1 Posse meeting, 1 Cops and Clergy meeting, 1 Neighborhood Watch meeting, 1 Reserve meeting, and hosted coffee with a cop. Community Services also participated in a Relay for Life meeting and attended a Moreno Valley City Council Meeting. In addition to the meetings, the Community Services Team provided assistance to the following:



On January 7, 2017, The Community Services Team, with volunteer forces, conducted a public education program to inform residents how to reduce their probability of becoming a victim of residential or vehicle burglary. Team members distributed 500 informational pamphlets and spoke to citizens about ways to safeguard themselves, their homes and vehicles.

The Moreno Valley Police Department relies heavily on volunteer forces to assist with providing valued service to the residents of Moreno Valley. During the month of January, volunteers provided 464 hours of service to the city of Moreno Valley. A sample of the various duties performed by our volunteer forces were:

- Citizens Patrol - Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked volunteer patrol units;
- Front Office Assistants - Assists front office personnel with day to day activities;
- Incident Call Outs - Responds to major incidents within the city to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons;
- City Wide Camera System – Monitors call board and reviews related camera angles to assist with gathering information on calls for service, proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas.

### TRAFFIC TEAM

Directed enforcement operations conducted during the month of January were:

- A Pedestrian Decoy Operation (Pictured Above)
- DUI Saturation Patrol
- A “Know Your Limit” DUI Awareness/Educational Operation
- A Traffic Safety Presentation
- A Distracted Driver Operation
- Three Traffic Enforcement Operations Targeting Primary Collision Factors
- A Pedestrian Safety Operation
- School Zone Enforcement
- Parking Enforcement Programs



The MVPD Traffic Team accumulated the following statistics for the month of January 2017:

- Vehicle stops: 756
- Hazardous/moving violation citations issued: 667
- Non-hazardous violation citations: 71
- Parking citations: 68

Arrests:

- DUI: 35 (9 involved a traffic collision)
- Felony: 0
- Misdemeanor: 63

The MVPD Traffic Team responded to the following traffic collisions:

- Fatal-injury collisions: 1
- Major-injury collisions: 0
- Minor-injury collisions: 38
- Non-injury property damage only collisions: 136
- Injury hit and run collisions: 3
- Non-injury hit and run collisions: 64

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The MVPD Traffic Team also responded to the following miscellaneous traffic calls: 50 reckless driver calls, 48 traffic hazard calls, 53 abandoned vehicle calls and 10 disabled vehicle calls.

### SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

This multi-focus team currently consists of the MVPD Gang Team, Narcotic Enforcement Team, Problem Oriented Policing Team, and Burglary and Robbery Suppression Team. The following is a list of enforcement activities the Special Enforcement Team is currently involved with:

During the month of January, the Special Enforcement Team served 13 search warrants, made 31 felony and 11 misdemeanor arrests, seized 134 grams of methamphetamine, 5 grams of cocaine, 30 lbs. of marijuana and 25 prescription narcotic pills. The Team recovered \$17,500 in stolen property and seized \$3,000 in cash pending forfeiture.

On January 27, 2017, officers responded to the Ayers Hotel located at 12631 Memorial Way regarding a vehicle burglary. The victim, a fire department captain, stated items stolen in the burglary included fire department radios, uniforms, badges, a department cellular telephone and personal checkbook. Officer Goetz with the POP Team was assigned to continue with the investigation. It was discovered one of the stolen personal checks was cashed at a local Wells Fargo Bank. Officers used evidence on the check to identify the suspect who lived in Moreno Valley and was on probation with search terms. Members of the SET Team responded to the suspect's residence and recovered all of the fire department's stolen property during a search. Additional stolen property was recovered from a vehicle burglary of an American Medical Response ambulance, which occurred in Moreno Valley on January 15, 2017. An arrest warrant was requested with the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for the suspect.

### INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

During the month of January, the MVPD Investigations Bureau investigated over 136 crimes related to a variety of property and person's crimes. The Investigations Bureau also authored and served 5 search warrants, arrested 13 subjects, and filed 21 cases with the District Attorney's Office. In addition, detectives conducted 37 residence checks for sex registrants, interviewed 104 individuals required to be sex registrants at the station, and conducted 2 business checks of massage parlors.

### BUSINESS OFFICE

The Moreno Valley Police Department Business Office ensures the day to day functions of the Department are kept moving forward and is responsible for tracking all reports for the Police Department. The following is a sample of the duties they performed in November:

- Assisted approximately 2,413 customers at the front counter of the Moreno Valley Police Department.
- The Business Office processed and entered into the Records Management System over 1,772 reports and met all deadlines for the State Uniform Crime Report.
- The Business Office also:

- Entered approximately 915 citations into the Crossroads system.
- Processed over 143 vehicle releases.
- Processed 290 arrest reports for filing with the District Attorney

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### ***Capital Projects***

#### **Reche Vista Drive Realignment**

The recent rain events in January and February have affected the completion of the new traffic signal installation at the intersection of Heacock Street and Reche Vista Drive. City staff has been working closely with the contractor and its electrical sub-contractor to have all the remaining punch list work items completed in the month of February. Staff has received positive feedback on the improvements of Reche Vista Drive, especially the safety enhancements that the project provides to the commuters.



#### **Alessandro Boulevard Entry Monuments**

The construction of the Alessandro Boulevard Entry Monuments upgrades at Historic Route 395 and the Civic Center Monument Sign at the southwest corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Frederick Street intersection is well under way. The new monuments are being custom-built atop and around the existing monuments, to enhance their impact and modernize their look. They feature more appealing textures and color City seals.



### **Cottonwood Basin**

The project will include the construction of an interim debris basin on the north side of Cottonwood Avenue, east of Nason Street, which will help mitigate the ongoing flooding for the area located south of Cottonwood Avenue between Martha Crawford Street and Nason Street. The proposed basin will consist of rock slope protection and outlet structure with cable railing. This outlet structure will connect to the existing storm drain across Cottonwood Avenue.

Construction is anticipated to commence March 2017 and conclude in May 2017 (weather permitting).



### **Heacock Street Improvements from Iris Avenue to Gentian Avenue**

The proposed Heacock Street Improvements from Iris Avenue to Gentian Avenue include roadway widening from one lane to two-lane street (each direction), a median turn lane, standard shoulders on both sides, traffic striping with bike lanes and signage. Other improvements include concrete curbs, gutters, sidewalks, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant access ramps, street lighting, and modification to the existing traffic signal at the intersection of Heacock Street and Gentian Avenue.

Construction will commence in late February 2017 and conclude in August 2017 (weather permitting)



### **Heacock Channel from Cactus Avenue to Lateral A**

The City of Moreno Valley has partnered with March Joint Powers Authority (MJPA), March Air Reserve Base (MARB), and Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (RCFC&WCD) to improve approximately 2 miles of the existing earthen Heacock Channel with a fully concrete-lined channel to reduce flooding impacts to the area. The project limits are from Cactus Avenue to the Perris Valley Storm Drain (PVSD) Lateral A Bridge.

Construction is led by RCFC & WCD and scheduled to commence in July 2017 and conclude in March 2018 (weather permitting).





### **Cycle 7 Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Enhancements**

The project will re-construct twelve access ramps to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The proposed access ramps are located at the intersections of Dracaea Avenue and Alexis Drive, Elsworth Street and Westlake Drive, Pigeon Pass Road and Sunnymead Ranch Parkway, and Dracaea Avenue and Arbor Park Lane.

Construction will commence in March 2017 and conclude in June 2017 (weather permitting).



### ***Special Districts***

#### **City Receives Grant for Water Conservation**

On February 7, 2017, the City Council authorized the acceptance of a \$232,000 grant from Eastern Municipal Water District. The grant will be used to convert water thirsty turf to drought tolerant landscaping and water efficient irrigation in the medians on Iris Ave/Moreno Beach Dr. and certain areas in the eastern portion of Moreno Valley Ranch. Below are examples of drought tolerant landscaping.

