

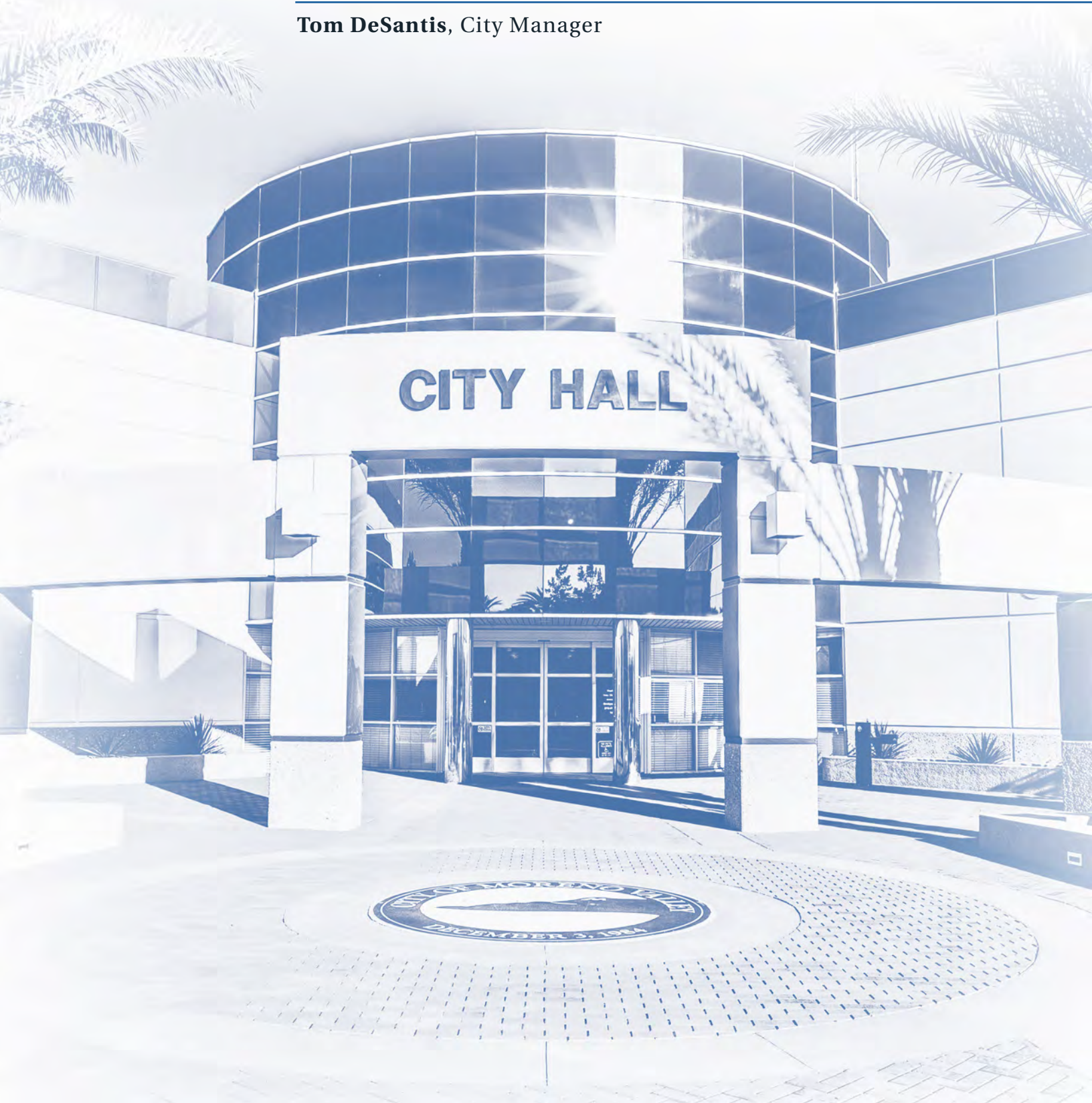


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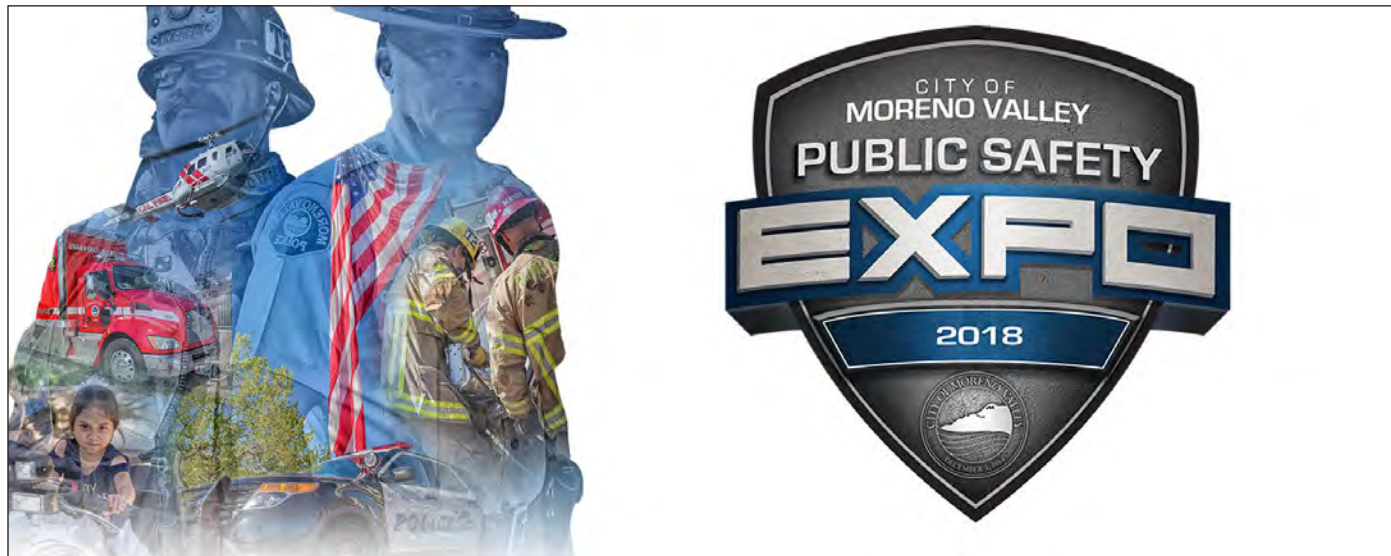
MORENO VALLEY

# CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tom DeSantis, City Manager



## MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS



### Public Safety Expo Advertising Campaign

Working in conjunction with the City Clerk's Office and Moreno Valley's public safety partners, the Media and Communications team created a campaign to promote the 2018 Public Safety Expo. The Expo will feature Moreno Valley's finest and bravest performing live demonstrations. The Expo will also provide the opportunity to investigate public safety careers. The City's Public Safety Expo advertising campaign includes, videos, a graphics package, social media posts, banners, an auto mall advertisement, bulletin board slides, flyers, and lawn signs.

## LIBRARY

### Central Library Programs

Central Library staff is offering a series of programs for adult residents. ESL classes are scheduled on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A second ESL class is offered to residents from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Fridays. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is scheduled Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. VITA offers a second session of free tax help on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Mall Branch Programs

Mall Branch library staff has scheduled several programs for a variety of ages. Crafting for Adults is scheduled for the second Monday of every month at 3 p.m. Adult Coloring Club is scheduled on the fourth Monday of every month at 3 p.m. Family Storytime is scheduled Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Book Club is scheduled Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Camille's Storytime is scheduled every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Teen Night is scheduled every Friday at 4 p.m. Toddler Time is scheduled every Saturday at 10:30 a.m.



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# Human Resources Department

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RECRUITMENTS	
New Recruitments	8
Ongoing Recruitments	8
Closed Recruitments	5

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## EMPLOYEES

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### NEW HIRES



**Andrea Rodriguez**  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Fire Department*

### PROMOTION



**Allen Brock**  
*Assistant City Manager*  
*City Manager's Office*



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# Community Development Department

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## ANIMAL SERVICES

### New Year's Pet Adoption Event Results

The New Year's Pet Adoption Event held every Wednesday and Thursday during January resulted in 155 pets being adopted, including 78 family adoptions & 77 rescue adoptions. Discounted adoption fees - \$50 for dogs & \$15 for cats - covered the spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip and vaccinations.

### ASPCA Transport Program

The Animal Rescue Coordinator has worked closely with the ASPCA Transport Program to transfer unclaimed and homeless pets from the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. Animals in the ASPCA Transport Program are transferred to locations outside of California where the demand for small and medium sized dogs and cats are in high demand. Last month 19 pets were accepted into the transport program and placed with Humane Societies located in the state of Washington.

## BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

BUILDING & SAFETY ACTIVITY	January 2018	January 2017
Building Permits Issued	349	168
Construction Inspections Performed	1,854	963

## CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	January 2018	January 2017
Cases Initiated	464	361
Closed Case Investigations	508	304
Citations Issued	2,695	2,147

## PLANNING

PLANNING ACTIVITY	January 2018	January 2017
Entitlement Major/Minor Applications	17	7
Construction Inspections Performed	86	49



# Economic Development Department

## **Solaris Paper Breaks Ground on Western Regional Headquarters**



The City of Moreno Valley celebrated with Solaris Paper as they broke ground February 2 on its new 862,000 sq. ft. western regional headquarters/ manufacturing and distribution plant along the south side of State Route 60 between Moreno Beach Drive and Redlands Boulevard.

Solaris Paper produces away-from-home and at-home consumer tissue products sourced from sustainably managed forests. The company's major branded retail products include Fiora®, retailers' private label brands, and Away-From-Home brands Livi® and LoCor®.

Solaris Paper announced last October that it is expanding to Moreno Valley; transferring approximately 175 employees and hiring new ones. The company expects to ramp up to full operation by early 2019, joining numerous Fortune 500 and international companies that have already created more than 14,000 new Moreno Valley jobs in the past four years.

### **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>UNEMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>December 2017</b>
Unemployment Rate	4.5%
Unemployed Count	4,300

<b>HOME RESALE MARKET</b>	<b>December 2017</b>
Home Resale Value	\$321,076
Number of Resale Transactions	185

<b>EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER</b>	<b>January 2018</b>
Number of Persons Assisted	1,272
Number of Workshops	6
Number of Hiring Events	7



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# Financial & Management Services Department

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## **Mailbox Pilot Project**

Mailbox vandalism and theft is a national issue. Mailbox break-ins and vandalism has been reported throughout Southland communities. In response to a number of cluster mailbox (CBU) break-ins, the City of Moreno Valley staff met with representatives from the San Diego Postal Headquarters and the local Moreno Valley Post Office to discuss options to help combat mailbox break-ins and vandalism within our community.

One of the options discussed was a pilot project to test the durability and resistance to break-ins and vandalism of a stronger CBU. The City has purchased and will be installing, two stronger CBUs in two pre-selected locations approved by the Post Office. Installation will occur in the coming weeks. The pilot CBUs were purchased from a purveyor in security mailbox construction, which are constructed of ¼ inch welded steel mounted on steel posts and secured to a concrete base. Depending upon the results of this pilot project, new standards may be forth coming to require new communities to install boxes constructed of a similar standard.



## **Government Finance Officers Distinguished Budget Award**

The City of Moreno Valley has been awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) the Distinguished Budget Awards for Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget. The Distinguished Budget Award has been judged by impartial panels to meet high standards, which include demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users to read budget documents. The Distinguished Budget Award recognizes individual governments that succeed in preparing budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect the best practices on budgeting. The award for FY 17/18 was the first award received by the City in almost 30 years and exemplifies the City Council’s strong financial leadership.



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# Fire Department

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## OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### 2018 January Storm – EOC Activation – Management Watch

On January 8, the City of Moreno Valley began to monitor significant weather activity expected to arrive by January 9. In anticipation of the predicted storm, the City activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Public Works Departmental Operations Center (DOC) to monitor and manage the City's storm response. Pre-storm preparation and vigilance by City staff has proven to have significantly reduced local flooding. The EOC and the DOC ensured there was coordination between Public Works staff, Animal Services, Fire and Police Departments to safeguard the community.



### CERT Training

On January 26-28, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) hosted a Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class for 26 students from Canyon Springs and Vista Del Lago High School. Students attending this class learned disaster preparedness skills with an emphasis on decision making, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Additional lifesaving skills included fire suppression with a fire extinguisher and light search and rescue. CERT is a grant-funded program that is conducted at minimal cost to the City and allows the Fire staff to provide essential disaster preparedness training to residents.



### Hike to Terri Peak

On January 27, the Emergency Response Force (ERF) assisted the Recreational Trails Board with the "Hike to Terri Peak" event. ERF was onsite to provide basic first aid, hydration and a cooling center for the participants.

## FIRE OPERATIONS

### Moreno Structure Fire Training

During the week of January 11, Firefighters from the City of Moreno Valley and surrounding communities were provided with valuable structural firefighting training under live fire conditions.



## CASE OF THE MONTH

On January 6, 2018, officers responded to the 25000 block of Via Hamaca after receiving a 911 call from a frightened fifteen-year-old juvenile, who was home alone. The juvenile reported hearing suspects force entry into his residence by breaking a window. The juvenile hid under his bedsheets and updated officers to what he heard while they responded to his residence.

Within minutes, officers arrived and two burglars fled on foot. Officers chased the suspects on foot for approximately ¼ mile, losing sight of the suspects near Blazer Court and Tack Lane. Additional officers contacted the fifteen-year-old victim who was uninjured. Officers set up a perimeter, and the Sheriff's helicopter arrived. Both suspects were located and surrendered without incident. All the victims' stolen property was identified and returned to the residence. No officers or citizens were injured in this incident. Both suspects were arrested, and there is no evidence of any outstanding suspects.

## PATROL

Patrol officers responded to 13,962 calls for service in January.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

### Coffee with a Cop

Officers from the Moreno Valley Police Department held a Coffee with a Cop event at McDonalds on Saturday, January 25 to talk with and share a cup of coffee with Moreno Valley residents. Approximately 30 residents attended. Officer McGruff took pictures with children at the restaurant and passed out goodies.

Coffee with a Cop events are designed to build relationships between officers and citizens to facilitate needed discussions about community issues, and provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the Department's work in Moreno Valley neighborhoods.





## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### Hubbard Street Storm Drain from Ironwood Avenue to Kalmia Avenue

The City's contractor is nearly finished installing the catch basins part of the storm drain system on Hubbard Street to help mitigate flooding. Once the installation of the storm drain system has been completed, the contractor will start the construction of street improvements which include curbs, gutters, and driveway approaches to accommodate the new storm drain system. Street improvements will also include trench restoration and repaving. Drivers are encouraged to find alternate routes to avoid any delays. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of March.



## TRANSPORTATION & ENGINEERING

### City Hosts Regional Transportation Summit

The City of Moreno Valley hosted more than 135 transportation leaders from across Southern California at the inaugural Regional Transportation Summit last month to address regional transportation issues. The summit was a collaborative effort between the City and the Western Riverside Council of Governments' Clean Cities Coalition.

With an overarching theme of "Where are we going and how do we get there?," the summit focused on autonomous vehicles, active transportation, clean air technologies, and light rail and other forms of mass transit. Keynote speaker Hasan Ikhata, from the Southern California Association of Governments, discussed how big data is revolutionizing every industry from driverless vehicles to every piece of technology in our homes.

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# Parks & Community Services Department

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## **Hike to the Top**

On January 27, Parks and Community Services staff led the first of five hikes as part of the free “Hikes to the Top” program. Fifty-six community hikers enjoyed a challenging 5.7-mile hike to Terri Peak and were rewarded with panoramic views of Lake Perris, Moreno Valley, and beyond. Safety support was provided by Emergency Response Force (ERF) volunteers and coordinated by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The Parks and Community Services Department looks forward to the next hike to Olive Hill on March 24th.



## **John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Park**

New fitness equipment at John F. Kennedy Veterans Memorial Park has been installed as part of the Healthy Cities campaign. The restroom and shelter project is now underway at the park. The project includes a modern ADA compliant restroom, picnic shelter, walkways, and drought tolerant landscaping. The project is expected to be completed by the end of summer.

## **Shadow Mountain Park**

Miracle Recreation, the vendor for several sets of play equipment in Moreno Valley parks, has incorporated photographs of the new Shadow Mountain Park play equipment into their 2018 product catalog.

