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Media

Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business

Local businesses are a vital part of Moreno Valley's economy. Each month the City Council highlights two businesses during a Council Meeting. This month the City has recognized <u>Margarita's Grill</u> and <u>Café</u> <u>Gossip</u>. <u>All episodes</u> are available on the <u>City's YouTube Channel</u>. Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business airs daily on MVTV-3.

Mayor's Minute April 2017

Mayor's Minute is a monthly news magazine series hosted by Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez. This month's topics include:

- Moreno Valley's Expanding Medical Infrastructure
- The Employment Resource Center
- The Springtastic Festival and Egg Hunt

Mayor's Minute is available on the City's <u>YouTube Channel</u> and airs daily on MVTV-3.

Accelerating Opportunities Exhibit

The City's graphic design team in collaboration with the Economic Development Department designed a unique tradeshow booth display. The new City booth is outfitted with custom designed back walls, and signage to create an



inviting place for conference attendees and potential business partners. This is another example of Moreno Valley moving at the speed of business.



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Animal Services

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Dog Licensing Clinic Results

On Saturday, March 4, the Animal Shelter held a low cost rabies vaccination and dog licensing clinic at the Animal Shelter. Dog and cat owners took advantage of the reduced pet vaccination fees along with being able to renew or purchase their dog's license as well as purchase a HomeAgain microchip for only \$10. Results of the clinic:

Number of Dogs Receiving Rabies Vaccination	35
Number of Dogs Receiving a 5 in 1 Vaccination	67
Number of Bordetella Vaccines Administered to Dogs	45
Number of Dog Licenses Sold	50
Number of Cats Vaccinated for FVRCP	1
Number of Cats Receiving Rabies Vaccination	1
Number of Microchips Implanted	18

St. Patrick's Day Pet Adoption Event Results

The St. Patrick's Day Pet Adoption event held at the Animal Shelter was held for 5 days this year and the results reflect more positive outcomes for our furry friends. From Tuesday, March 14 through Saturday, March 18, a total of 51 pets were adopted (35 family adoptions and 16 rescues) along with 16 pets reclaimed by their owners, resulting in <u>67 positive</u> <u>outcomes for pets</u> during this pet adoption promotion. The pet adoption fee for family adoptions was \$50 for any dog and \$15 for any cat, which covered the spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip and vaccinations.

Human Resources

Total: 15 recruitments as of 4/10/17

Recruitments		Workers Compensation	
New recruitments:	15	New claims:	0
Ongoing recruitments:	7	Ongoing open claims:	28
Closed recruitments:	10	Closed claims:	2

Total Employees: 413

Retirements/Separations: 0/2

Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events are planned during the month of May at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter:

\$5 Fridays Cat & Kitten Adoption

Every Friday during the month of May, Fridays May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo Pet Adoption

Wednesday, May 3 – Friday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Pet Adoption

Thursday, May 11 – Friday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

New Hires



Devin Perdomo Animal Control Officer



Eric Escobar GIS Technician

Library Services

Employment Pipeline Classes

Moreno Valley Public Library staff is partnering with Path of Life Ministries. Path of Life Ministries will provide Employment Pipeline classes to library patrons. Employment Pipeline classes are scheduled for May 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 6 p.m. These classes train participants to think like an employer, search for employment in the hidden market, craft a professional resume to get the interview, and learn effective interviewing skills.

Library Patron Trends:

- The Moreno Valley Public Library had 23,589 library patron visits
- Library staff answered 2,590 reference questions
- 26,005 library materials were checked out
- 467 new library card accounts were created

May Library programs:

- Bilingual Storytime Thursdays at 11 a.m.
- Family Night Thursdays at 6 p.m.
- Inland Scribes Sundays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Preschool Storytime Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
- Teen Night Wednesdays at 5 p.m.



Program Statistics:

- Adult programs hosted 151 attendees
- Bilingual story time
 hosted 208 attendees
- Family Night programs hosted 102 attendees
- Preschool Storytime programs hosted 151 attendees

Purchasing & Facilities

The Facilities Group recently completed re-roofing their building at 15394 4th Street. This building is circa 1950s and is used for Facilities staff as a workshop and storage area. Over the past few years, we have been repairing roof leaks that threatened to damage our equipment. The roof is now in good shape and will last for many years to protect our equipment and stored material.

The Facilities Group is working on the following projects:

•	Fire Station #6	Re-roof and Exterior Painting
•	Senior Center	Replacement of all Air Conditioning Systems
•	Animal Shelter	Dog Run area on the south side of the building
•	Fire Station #65	Adding Automatic Driveway Gate
•	City Hall	Adding Fence and Automatic Gate for City Vehicle Parking

Public Safety Building Replacement of all Air Conditioning Systems

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. Community Development, along with other departments, is working with the developer and tenant to get the facility ready for use before summer.

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 80% 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. The process of testing of all assembly and paint equipment, robots, computers, and procedures is complete. Karma has been constructing "test" vehicles, attending auto shows, and is gearing up for full production and sales this summer.

Prologis

The 601,810 SF Prologis industrial building on the corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue has been issued a building permit and construction is underway.

Building & Safety

Projects

- Plans are in process for a 104 guest room Holiday Inn Express, a four-story 114 guest room Residence Inn, a 76 gas station and convenience store, and a multi-tenant retail building at the northeast corner of Day and Eucalyptus, the former site of Robertson's Ready Mix. These are the first four plan check submittals for the "Quarter Project" which will eventually also include a drive-thru fast-food restaurant and a second retail/restaurant building.
- The Cupcake and Espresso Bar has been issued a Certificate of Occupancy and is open to the public. This business is located near the recently opened Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches, Dickey's Barbeque Pit, and the Organic Nail Bar located at the corner of Day Street and Campus Parkway.
- The Cactus Commerce Center, to be located at Cactus Avenue and Commerce Center Drive, has submitted plans for the first phase of the project which includes a diesel and gas station, car wash, and drive-through restaurant. Future submittals to complete the project will include two additional restaurant pads and a small industrial building.
- Building permits have been issued and construction has commenced on five models for Lennar Homes' "Meadow Creek" tract at Pigeon Pass and Old Lake Roads, which has been approved for 161 single-family homes.
- CulichiTown, a sushi and Mariscos Sinaloa style restaurant, located on Sunnymead Boulevard between Graham and Heacock Streets, has been issued a tenant improvement permit and expects to open to the public by Mother's Day.

Quick Statistics

The following Building & Safety Division statistics are a comparison of March year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

BUILDING & SAFETY	March 2017	March 2016
Customer Counter Visits-Total/Daily Average	743/32	755/33
Building Permits Issued	174	239
Construction Valuation	\$5,051,304	\$16,268,717
Construction Inspections Performed	1,234	1,666
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	26	33
Plan Check Activity	117	241
Monthly Revenue	\$294,821	\$353,833

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	Business Name		
Temporary Certificates of Occupancy			
BFC16-0195 (renewal)	O'Reilly Auto Parts (Perris Blvd)		
BFC17-0016 (renewal)	Serta Simmons		
BFC17-0013 (renewal)	Wiseway Transportation Services		
BFC16-0123	Farm Market		
BFC17-0004 (renewal) Floor & Decor			
Towngate Mall Certificates of Occupancy			
BOO17-0045	O Chi Reflexology		
Restaurant Certificates of Occupancy			
BFC16-0035	Jimmy John's Sandwiches		
BFC16-0056	The Cupcake & Espresso Bar		
BFC17-0001 El Pollo Loco			
Tract Certificates of Occupancy			
Lot #	Developer & Tract #		
10 & 27	Pacific Communities - 30268		

Code & Neighborhood Services

Quick Statistics

The following Code & Neighborhood Services Division statistics are a comparison of March year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	March 2017	March 2016
Cases Initiated	332	413
Closed Case Investigations	460	417
Parking Citations Issued	2,695	2,220
Administrative Citations Issued	91	29
Counter Customers	476	408

Planning

Quick Statistics

The following Planning Division statistics are a comparison of March year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

PLANNING	March 2017	March 2016
Counter Customers	361	317
Entitlement Major/Minor Applications	17	29
Plan Check Submittals	117	53
Application Fees	\$113,041	\$81,975

Planning Commission

March 9, 2017

 A Master Plot Plan was approved for a commercial center including a new 24-hour gas station, car wash, diesel fueling station, and three fast-food restaurants. The project site is located at the northeast corner of Cactus Avenue and Commerce Center Drive. The applicant is Moreno Valley Cactus Center. The project is located within City Council District 1.

March 23, 2017

- A Conditional Use Permit was approved for an Alcohol Beverage License modification to allow the sale of distilled spirits at an existing convenience store in addition to beer and wine. The store is located at 25073 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Raafat Aziz Shahid. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- The Commission approved a recommendation to the City Council to consider a modification to the current Municipal Code regulations that pertain to Alternate Planning Commissioners.

City Council

March 21, 2017

• The City Council approved a Planned Unit Development, including applications for a General Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Conditional Use Permit and Plot Plan, for a 221 lot single-family residential development located at the southeast corner of Gentian Avenue and Indian Street. The project will 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 within City Council District 4.

- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved to install fence, gates and guard shack at the Amazon employee parking lot located at 24300 Nandina Avenue. The applicant is SabaX Architecture. The project is located within City Council District 4.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the installation of a propane dispensing facility at the existing Costco located at 12700 Day Street. The applicant is Barghausen Consulting Engineers. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Extension of Time was approved 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.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the architectural character of a 6,300 square foot retail and restaurant building to be located at the northeast corner of Day Street and Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is Brent Ogden. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- A monument sign was approved for the existing Kaiser Permanente Heacock Medical Offices located at 12815 Heacock Street. The applicant is Skyler Denniston. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- A monument sign was approved for Duke Realty warehouse building located at 15810 Heacock Street. The applicant is Duke Reality. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved to install upgraded signage for the pump stations at the Circle K Mobile gas station located at 12625 Frederick Street. The applicant is Promotions Plus Sign Company. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was approved for the architectural character of the 86 single-family lot development to be located on the west side of Nason Boulevard between Fir Street and Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is RSI Communities. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- An Extension of Time was approved for a Custom Home for 2,854 square foot living area and a 762 square foot garage located on Bradshaw Circle, north of Cactus Avenue, east of Moreno Beach Drive. The applicant is William Redden. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- A Plot Plan was approved for the co-location of telecommunications hardware for Verizon Wireless on an existing telecommunications facility located at 24933 Sunnymead Boulevard. The project is located within City Council District 1.

Recent Case submittals:

- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a recreational vehicle sales business to be located at 12125 Day Street. The applicant is SLK Building. The project is located within City Council District 2.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the addition of a decorative tower addition with stone veneer and new painting around the building at the Olive Garden Restaurant located at 22880 Centerpoint Drive. The applicant is GMRI, Inc., Darden Restaurants. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a new 867 square foot detached garage located at 11451 Bobolink. The applicant is Miguel Lepe. The project is located within City Council District 2.

- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was submitted to modify an existing Verizon mono-pine cell site, to include replacement of nine (9) antennas and a full re-branching. The project is located at 23190 Hemlock Avenue. The applicant is Plancom, Inc. The project is located within City Council District 1.
- A Plot Plan was submitted for a temporary ADA walk path at the northwest corner of the Amazon ONT-8 building parking lot to provide staff pedestrian access across San Michele Road between the Amazon ONT -6 building and the Amazon ONT 8 building. The applicant is Millie Severson. The project is within City Council District 4.
- A Plot Plan was submitted for a 97,110 square foot warehouse facility. The building will consist of 89,110 square feet of warehouse, 5,000 square feet of office space on the first floor with an additional 3,000 square feet of office space on the mezzanine floor. The project is located at the southeast corner of Nandina Avenue and Indian Street. The applicant is Phelan Development. The project is located within City Council District 4.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the installation of a photovoltaic system on the rooftop of an existing Target Store, located at 27100 Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is SoCore Energy. The project is located within City Council District 3.
- An Appeal of the Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council for the approval of the Ironwood Village Project was submitted. The project includes multiple applications, including a General Plan Amendment, Change or Zone, Tentative Tract Map, and a Design Guidelines for a 181 lot single-family residential development at the northeast corner or Ironwood Avenue and Nason Street.

Economic Development Department

Hire MoVal – Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center

As the City of Moreno Valley rapidly expands to attract new businesses and grow existing ones, the Moreno Valley Employment Center (ERC) stands at the center of the City's efforts to connect local residents with the best jobs in MoVal.

Through the City's Hire MoVal program, businesses are given the edge over their competition with no cost hiring assistance services including job fairs, e-blasts, job postings and resume screening.



Job seekers gain the advantage with access to exclusive services such as on-on-one mock interviews, job search assistance and career coaching. Year round job fairs with companies like Amazon, Procter & Gamble, Hyundai of Moreno Valley, and Karma Automotive help job seekers connect with the biggest employers in town.

The ERC offers monthly workshops on how to write a winning resume, interviewing with confidence, and how to get started in high demand fields including logistics, government, and health care. Recently, Kaiser Permanente delivered a workshop on Working for Kaiser to a standing room only crowd.

The Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center is offered in partnership with the Riverside County Workforce Development Center. Visit the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center – Service Update

	March 2017	2017 Year To Date
Total Number of People Assisted	786	2,224
Number of Moreno Valley Residents	325	1,326
Percentage Moreno Valley Residents	46%	60%
Number of Workshops	4	10
Number of Job Fairs	2	12

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

The Employment Resource Center is located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center and is open Monday-Thursday 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 <u>erc@moval.org</u>. In the market for a new job? Join the <u>Hire</u> <u>MoVal Job Seekers' List</u> today!

Unemployment Report

The latest release from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) indicates that Moreno Valley unemployment rate has decreased to 5.9% (February 2017). The following table provides comparison unemployment data for the State, County, and several Inland Empire cities:

	February 2016 Rate	February 2017 Rate	February 2017 Unemployed Count
California	5.5%	5.6%	966,000
Riverside County	5.9%	5.5%	58,200
Banning	5.2%	4.8%	500
Beaumont	3.5%	3.2%	600
Corona	4.6%	4.3%	3,500
Eastvale	3.9%	3.7%	1,100
Hemet	8.2%	7.6%	2,200
Menifee	6.9%	6.4%	2,400
Moreno Valley	6.3%	5.9%	5,500
Murrieta	4.7%	4.4%	2,300
Perris	8.6%	8.0%	2,400
Riverside	5.6%	5.2%	7,900
San Jacinto	8.8%	8.3%	1,500
Temecula	4.2%	3.9%	2,100

Home Resale Market

Home sales information from CoreLogic (<u>www.corelogic.com</u>) indicates that Moreno Valley's average home resale values jumped in February 2017, up \$19,386 from \$281,431 in January to \$300,817 in February. This marks a milestone in Moreno Valley's residential property value recovery; the last time the City's home resale values were in the \$300,000s was November 2007. The volume of sales was slightly lower in February, down by 10.5% (16 fewer properties sold in February 2017 than in January 2017).

Comparing year to year, the average resale housing price has increased by \$31,665, a 10.5% increase in one year.

	January 2017	February 2017	Monthly Change Feb '17 v Jan '17	February 2016	Annual Change Feb '17 v Feb '16
Number of Resale	153	137	Down 10.5%,	144	Down 4.9%,
Transactions	155	137	16 fewer sold	144	7 fewer sold
Home Resale Value	\$281,431	\$300,817	Up 6.9%	\$269,153	Up 10.5%
	əzo1,451	\$200,817	\$19,386	Ş209,155	\$31,665

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

Economic Development Summary

Curious about new businesses coming to Moreno Valley? Be the first to know! Check out the monthly update of the <u>Economic Development Summary</u> to learn more about Moreno Valley's business location advantages on the dedicated Economic Development website: <u>www.morenovalleybusiness.com</u>.

Financial & Management Services Department

Treasury Operations

Annual Continuing Disclosure for Bonded Debt

By participating in the Municipal Bond Market the City has agreed to provide investors with regular financial and demographic data updates within time frames established in the bond documents. The City has completed its current reporting requirements for fiscal year 2015/16 with the filing of the Annual Reports and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This data is available for public review on the Electronic Municipal Market Access web portal emma.msrb.org. This is the centralized portal maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board where all municipal issuers are required to post information on their bonds.

Annual Business License Renewal Update

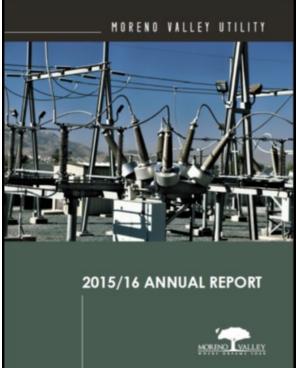
Many businesses are continuing to work through the annual business license renewal process. Through April 1, 2017, a total of 7,730 businesses completed their renewals. The online business license portal has continued to see a significant increase in the number of business that are taking advantage of this quicker and easier way to renew business licenses. Through March we have seen more than 2,000 businesses take advantage of the on-line renewal feature, up from 1,700 in the prior year. Please consult the Business License webpage (www.moval.org/biz-lic) or contact the Business License team at 951-413-3080 for more information.

Electric Utility

Moreno Valley Utility Releases its First Annual Report

To compliment the Comprehensive Annual Financial Statement, the City released its first Moreno Valley Utility Annual Report, which provides a summary of key financial information, along with operational facts and statistics. Established in 2004, Moreno Valley Utility (MVU) is a growing utility which already serves more than 5,900 customers. MVU was created to enhance economic development in the City. As a "greenfield" utility, MVU provides electric service to new housing and business development, primarily located in undeveloped areas of the City. Moreno Valley Utility is extremely proud of its reliability record. MVU was recognized for its reliability record by receiving a Certificate of Excellence in Reliability in 2015 and 2016 from the American Public Power Association.

Between 2015 and 2016 MVU reduced more than 6,300 tons of greenhouse gas, provided more than \$1 million in customer incentives, paid customers more than \$130,000 for installing energy efficient equipment, and saved approximately 1.5 million kWh.



Solar Rebates Paid to MoVal Residents and Businesses

The City of Moreno Valley Electric Utility's solar program has been exceptionally effective. Nearly 10% of MVU residential and business customers have installed solar systems that help to reduce their electricity bills. MVU has paid over \$1 million in solar rebates since the program began in 2008. A map of solar installations within MVU's service area is now available online. Find out everything you need to know to get started by visiting the Moreno Valley Solar Program website, www.moreno-valley.ca.us/resident_services/ utilities/solar.

Financial Operations

Hire A MoVal Grad Program

Moreno Valley businesses will receive incentives for hiring local residents who have recently graduated from college or earned a certification from an accredited Riverside County school under a new City of Moreno Valley pilot program.

The Hire A MoVal Grad program rewards local businesses that hire Moreno Valley graduates by awarding a \$1,000 stipend for each recent Moreno Valley graduate up to a maximum of five new hires.

"This program will help put our educated and talented youth to work right here in City of Moreno Valley for jobs elsewhere," said Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez. "A small investment in our youth today will translate into rich dividends for our workforce and our future."

The Hire A MoVal Grad is expected to create up to 100 new-full time jobs for local Moreno Valley residents over the next two years.

The pilot program will begin July 1, 2017 and run through June 30, 2019. Incentives will be provided on a first come basis. Program costs are currently capped at \$50,000 a year.

Fire Department

Fire Prevention

Assembly Occupancy Safety

Public assembly and nightclub fires have shown to be some of the deadliest tragedies claiming the lives of hundreds of people. The Moreno Valley Fire Prevention Division is dedicated to increasing the safety in public venues and works closely with local businesses to ensure fire and safety code compliance. Fire Prevention staff visited several entertainment venues to provide business owners with fire and life safety guidelines and tips in maintaining occupancy loads. Fire Prevention Division encourages businesses to maintain an environment that is safe for its occupants and the public.

On March 27, Fire Systems Inspectors were called to assist Moreno Valley Firefighters at a commercial flooding incident. The flooding was caused by a ruptured six-inch water main connected to the fire sprinkler suppression system.



The flooding caused extensive damage and affected four businesses in the strip mall. Inspectors conducted an inspection of the fire systems and contacted the property owner and requested a twenty-four-hour fire watch. Staff assisted the owner with immediate recovery measures and repairs by expediting the plan check and permit process to restore fire protection to the affected businesses. Firefighters also received assistance through a prompt response by Building and Safety for potential foundation issues

Office of Emergency Management

2017 March – Grants Monitoring



On March 30, the Office of Emergency Management/Volunteer Services (OEM) participated in a monitoring of its FY 14/15 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). These funds are provided through Riverside County for cities to enhance certain emergency management programs. SHSP provides funding to states, urban areas, and other local governments to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from potential terrorist attacks and other hazards. EMPG

provides resources to assist state, local, and tribal governments in preparing for all emergency hazards. Historically, the City uses EMPG funds for its emergency alert system, Alert MoVal, and SHSP funds for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) personnel and program management.

The Riverside County Emergency Management Department Grant Administrator conducted an audit of EMPG and SHSP grants. The Grant Administrator was impressed with the work completed by the Fire Department staff in documenting, coordinating and demonstrating the appropriate use of these grant funds.

Fire Operations



Fire Operations

On March 4, Engine 91 responded to a reported medical emergency located in Council District 4. Upon arrival, firefighters found the patient lying on the floor with cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) being performed by her teenage son. Firefighter Paramedics began an immediate advanced life support (ALS) assessment and initiated appropriate treatments. The patient was loaded into the ambulance for immediate transport to Kaiser Hospital with Firefighter Paramedic maintaining patient care. Upon arrival to the Emergency Room the patient had regained a palpable pulse but still required assistance with breathing. Emergency Room staff advised the teenage child that his quick actions and activation of the 911 system likely saved his mother's life.

On March 17, Engine 65 responded to a medical emergency located in Council District 3. Upon arrival, Firefighters found an 81-year old male patient sitting in his vehicle with a family member by his side. According to the family, the patient was not behaving normally for approximately 30 minutes prior to the arrival of the Engine. The patient showed stroke like symptoms as he was unable to answer the questions asked by



the firefighters. The patient's vital signs indicated he was extremely hypertensive and had an elevated life threading temperature of 105.2. Firefighters initiated aggressive cooling measures, advance life support treatments and loaded the patient into the ambulance for immediate transport to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) with a firefighter paramedic maintaining patient care. RUHS is a designated stroke receiving facility specializing in care and treatments of patients suffering from a stroke.

On March 20, Engine 65 responded to a medical emergency at March Air Force Base Commissary. Upon arrival, firefighters found an unconscious, unresponsive male with bystanders doing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Fire Department Paramedics immediately took over CPR and began aggressive advanced life support (ALS) intervention. Firefighter Paramedics continued to administer multiple rounds of medication and electrical shocks during the resuscitation. The patient was rapidly transported to Riverside University Health System (RUHS) with Firefighter Paramedic maintaining patient care. While enroute the patient regained heart function but continued to require assistance with breathing. A follow up on the patient's condition indicated a promising outcome.

Police Department

Case Of The Month

In late December 2016, several residential burglaries occurred throughout the north end of the City. Officers and investigators with the MVPD Burglary Suppression Team, began investigating the series of similar burglaries. Officers began checking local pawn shops for items related to the residential burglaries. Stolen items were recovered and a possible suspect was identified; however, further investigation was needed to make an arrest.

The investigation continued over the past few months as investigators gathered evidence linking the suspect to over a dozen local burglaries. The investigation ended in late February when officers conducted surveillance and apprehended the suspect as he was breaking into a vehicle. The adult male suspect was booked into jail and charged with more than fifteen counts of burglary and being in possession of stolen property.

Patrol

Patrol officers responded to 15,446 calls for service during the month of March.

On March 23, 2017, officers responded to a local middle school reference a burglary alarm with multiple activations. As officers arrived several juveniles were seen running from the campus into a nearby neighborhood. Officers quickly established a perimeter and conducted a yard to yard search of the neighborhood. When the search was completed five male juveniles were detained and ranged in age from fourteen years-old to sixteen years-old. Further investigation revealed that several classrooms were forcefully broken into and extensive vandalism occurred. All five juveniles were arrested and booked into Riverside Juvenile Hall.

Community Services Unit

In March, the Community Services Unit (CSU) participated in four Explorer meetings, one Volunteer meeting, one Posse meeting, one Reserve meeting, one Neighborhood Watch meeting, attended three community events, and hosted a Zone 1 meeting.

In addition, CSU officers assisted with the Spring Fling, the annual Youth Summit, the Health and Resource Fair and Bill's Kid's events. On March 22, 2017, officers from the CSU gathered at Cloverdale Elementary School in the city of Moreno Valley for a zone meeting with local residents. Officers were engaged in various topics of discussion with residents.

Volunteers

The Moreno Valley Police Department relies heavily on volunteer forces to provide valuable services to the residents of Moreno Valley. During the month of March, volunteers provided 1,038 hours of service. Volunteers conducted Citizen's Patrol (uniformed high visibility patrol in marked volunteer patrol units), assisted the Business Office (helped front office personnel with day to day activities), incident call outs (responded to major incidents within the city to help with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons), and with monitoring the Citywide Camera System (proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas).

On March 3, 2017, members of the MVPD CSU and administration put on their annual volunteer appreciation dinner for MVPD volunteers. Approximately 100 attendees attended where dinner was provided and annual awards were presented to our volunteers.

Traffic Team

In March, the commercial enforcement team became operational on a limited basis. Two officers trained in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement have begun addressing commercial vehicle violations.

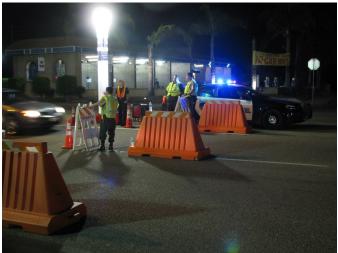
Office of Traffic And Safety Grant Operations (OTS)

In March, the MVPD Traffic team conducted several Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) directed enforcement operations. These operations consisted of a Driving Under the Influence checkpoint, a Driving Under the Influence Saturation Patrol, three PCF (Primary Collision Factor) Enforcement Operations, two Distracted

Driver Enforcement Operations, a "Know Your Limit" DUI Awareness/Prevention Operation, and a Pedestrian Decoy/Safety Enforcement Operation.

Traffic Stops/Citations Issued

The MVPD Traffic Team conducted 596 vehicle stops, wrote 532 hazardous/moving violation citations, 51 nonhazardous violation citations, and 157 parking citations. In addition, the team arrested 45 persons for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs (24 involved a traffic collision), made 4 felony arrests, and 58 misdemeanor arrests.



Traffic Collisions

The MVPD Traffic Team responded to 52 minor-injury collisions, 29 non-injury property damage only collisions, five injury hit-and-run collisions, 71 non-injury hit and run collisions, 2 major injury collisions and 2 fatal collisions. In addition, the MVPD Traffic Team responded to 64 reckless driver calls, 40 traffic hazard calls, 60 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. During March, the Special Enforcement Team served 10 search warrants, made 26 felony arrests, 37 misdemeanor arrests and seized a various amount of narcotics.

In early March officers with the MVPD Burglary Suppression Team began investigating several thefts and commercial burglary's that occurred at a specific store located in the Moreno Valley mall. Further information revealed that a burglary crew was committing thefts and burglaries at several stores throughout the Inland Empire. Multiple law enforcement agencies, throughout the Inland Empire, began working together and sharing information. Further investigation with the gathering of photographs and cellular telephone ping orders developed several possible suspects. MVPD officers and investigators authored and served a search warrant at a residence in the City of San Bernardino. During service of the search warrant investigators located stolen property and evidence linking four adult males to the burglaries. After the investigation was complete investigators arrested four adult males for committing nine burglaries in Moreno Valley with several additional charges filed for additional commercial burglaries throughout the Inland Empire. All four suspects were booked into jail.

Investigation Bureau

During March, the MVPD Investigations Bureau investigated 182 crimes related to a variety of property and persons crimes. The Investigations Bureau also authored and served 12 search warrants, arrested five people, and filed twelve cases with the District Attorney's Office. In addition, investigators conducted 20 residence checks for sex registrants, interviewed or registered 80 sex registrants, and conducted three business checks of massage parlors.

On March 6 and again on March 7 an adult male in a vehicle approached a female juvenile walking to or from school. On one occasion the adult male exposed his genitals and made advances toward the juvenile. During the second incident the male conversed with the female juvenile and provided personal information. Investigators were able to link both incidents and positively identify a 25-year old adult male as the suspect. Additional evidence was gathered to link the suspect to both incidents and he was ultimately arrested and booked into jail.

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. During the month of March, the Business Office assisted approximately 2,400 customers at the front counter of the Moreno Valley Police Department, processed and entered 1,839 reports into the Records Management System to meet deadlines for the State Uniform Crime Report. In addition, the Business Office entered 735 citations into the Crossroads Tracking System, processed over 66 vehicle releases, and 285 arrest reports for filing with the Riverside County District Attorney.

Public Works Department

Capital Projects

Heacock Street Improvements from Iris Avenue to Gentian Avenue

Sequel Contractors, Inc. has started the construction with site clearing, grubbing and grading on the southeast corner of Heacock Street and Gentian Avenue. All erosion control measures have been installed to protect the work area and storm drain inlets from rain runoff. Construction is scheduled to conclude in August (weather permitting).





Farragut Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

Construction started in early April and the contractor, Roadway Engineering and Contracting, Inc., has started site clearing and removals and grading the new sidewalk areas. Once complete, the residents will have full width sidewalk, curb, gutter, and upgraded pavement on Farragut Avenue from Sherman Avenue to Elsworth Street. Construction is expected to conclude in July 2017 (weather permitting).





Cycle 7 Pedestrian and Bicycle Facility Enhancements

On March 21, City Council awarded a construction contract to FS Contractors, Inc. The project will reconstruct twelve access ramps at four intersections to meet the American with Disabilities Act requirements. The contractor has started site clearing, removals and grading new access ramps. Construction begins in April and will conclude in June (weather permitting).





City Clerk Department

Memorial Day Activities

Staff is preparing for the Community's 10th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and the West Coast Thunder Bike Run / Parade. Moreno Valley residents are invited to honor and remember fallen military servicemen and women on Monday, May 29.

Memorial Day activities will include a parade in the morning and a memorable community gathering at the Moreno Valley Veterans



Memorial at 2 p.m. Together, these two events will create a Memorial Day to remember for Moreno Valley residents, veterans, and families of those who have lost their lives in service to our nation.

Public Safety Expo

The 2017 Public Safety Expo held Saturday, April 1 was a huge success. Approximately 4,000 visitors attended.

With more than 30 displays and demonstrations put on by Moreno Valley's finest and the City's network of public safety resources, visitors had plenty to do and see.

Moreno Valley firefighters demonstrated the use of the jaws-of- life to extricate a person trapped in a vehicle and the Riverside County "House Trailer" was on site to teach children and adults how to survive a house

fire. Participants received a smoke detector donated by Amazon. The Police Department showcased many Riverside County Sheriff Department teams and held several demonstrations including K-9 training, city-wide camera system tours, and proper car seat fittings.



Parks & Community Services Department

Community Events

- The Parks and Community Services Department hosted the 2017 Springtastic Egg Hunt and Festival on April 8 at Sunnymead Park. This year's festivities included an egg hunt for children ages two to ten years with more than 12,000 prize- and candy-filled eggs. Breakfast, prepared by the Morning Optimist of Moreno Valley, was served immediately following the egg hunt. This year's Springtastic Festival also featured performances on the mobile stage, inflatable fun zone, and spring-themed activities.
- The Moreno Valley Youth Conference was held on April 8 at the Cottonwood Golf Center. The event was geared towards youth 17 years of age and older. Students obtained information regarding educational resources and had the opportunity to speak with Amazon and ADT Home Security for employment opportunities. The day consisted of three 50-minute information sessions including



preparing a professional resume, developing interview skills, and understanding workplace etiquette. After the information sessions, there was an opportunity drawing for gift cards, school supplies, and a drone. The event concluded with optional mock interviews for those who requested practice with what they have learned.

Community Services

Recreation Programs

• *Time for Tots* consisted of exciting spring-themed activities for the month of April. The month included an egg hunt and insects week, which allowed the children to learn about the evolution of a butterfly from caterpillar to butterfly.

- **Spring Valley Kids Camp** concluded on March 31' with a strong enrollment of children in kindergarten through eighth grades. Children enjoyed their spring break playing exciting recreational games, watching movies, playing video games, and nurturing their creativity with seasonal arts and crafts.
- Curriculum for the summer Valley Kids and Teen Camp being held at March Field Park Community Center and March Annex from June 5 through August 4 is being developed. Children from the Val Verde Unified School District start the program on June 5 with the Moreno Valley Unified School District students beginning on June 12. The program is expected to reach full capacity, with more than 190 participants.



- In March, Sunshine Social Club participants played bingo and won prizes, with everyone being a winner that night. The following weeks they celebrated participants' birthdays, worked on a craft project, and "shopped till they dropped" with a flea market. In April, the participants played games, held an Easter Egg Hunt and ended the month with a Spring Dance.
- Recreation classes being offered include the following:
 - o **Creative Writing** is a four week class for ages 13 and older. It is a great way to express ideas and visions through writing, offering a variety of writing styles and all levels.
 - o *Electric Guitar* is a four-week beginner class that introduces participants ages 9 and older with the fundamentals of the cords and strums, and slowly progresses to play along with popular tunes.
 - *Karatedo* is a philosophy based on respect, self-defense, discipline, confidence, and camaraderie. Participants challenge themselves to set goals and persevere in the attainment of those goals.
 - April continued to see an increase with new registrations for many youth and adult classes including Photography, Watercolor, Ballet, Ballet/Acro, Acting for Kids, Folkloric Dance, Piano, and Shito-Ryu.

Sports Programs

- The *Winter Youth Basketball League* sent the top three teams to represent Moreno Valley in the Inland Empire's SCMAF Basketball Tournament. This tournament was held at surrounding cities including Riverside, Norco and Jurupa on March 18 and 19. Moreno Valley teams put up a great fight with very close games. This was a great experience for not only the players, but for coaches and parents as well.
- The upcoming 2017 Summer Youth Basketball Clinic will begin on May 1. This two-week long clinic provides a fun atmosphere which helps develop skills using fun drills and games to keep the participants motivated while preparing for our upcoming Summer Basketball League.
- Pee Wee, Junior, and Junior PLUS Flag Football began its season on March 28 at Lasselle Sports Park. This six-week long program features three weeks of practice followed by three weeks of scrimmage games. The program allows youth to develop fundamental flag football skills in a fun, non-competitive environment.



- Registration has begun for the inaugural *Volleyball Clinic* taking place May 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and May 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This two-day clinic will introduce players to the fundamental skills required in volleyball such as passing, serving, setting, and hitting. All skill levels are welcome. It will be held at the Conference and Recreation Center's gymnasium.
- **Pee Wee and Junior T-Ball** sign-ups are now open for ages 3-7. This instructional T-Ball program teaches the basic skills of baseball, including catching, throwing, hitting, and base running. Participants have the option of attending both Mondays and Wednesdays at Shadow Mountain Park or Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bethune Park. Participants will practice for three weeks, followed by three weeks of friendly scrimmage games. At the end of the season, participants will be joined by their teammates, friends and loved ones, at a banquet where they will receive awards for their season's hard work.
- Registration is now open for our Pee Wee and Junior Basketball Clinic. The clinic is instructed by city staff and runs from July 31 through August 24⁻ Participants will learn the basic fundamentals of offense and defense. Additionally, participants will build teamwork skills as well as gain an understanding of the value of good sportsmanship. This clinic will take place at Conference and Recreation Center's gymnasium.
- The spring season of our *Adult Softball League* is currently underway. There are multiple leagues on Thursday and Sunday nights competing for the championship. Registration is also underway for the upcoming summer season that will begin in early June, as well as for the annual summer "Beat the heat" *Adult Softball Tournament* set for June 3 and 4.

Senior Community Center

- The first *Senior Center Flea Market* was held on March 3 with 28 vendors selling items including VHS tapes, clothing and shoes, plants, flower arrangements, and jewelry. There were approximately 75 people browsing through the market.
- Every Wednesday the Senior Center hosts *Al Rhama Food Bank*. Al Rhama Food Bank generously provides the seniors with fresh produce, cakes, breads, canned goods, and other pantry items. The seniors each receive 15 items to take home. This food bank distributes food to roughly 500 seniors monthly.
- The *Senior Citizens' Advisory Board* met on March 20 to discuss important items regarding the Senior Center.
- **Friends of the Senior Center** sponsored the birthday celebration of nine seniors on March 27. Along with a celebratory lunch, cake was provided by Regal Insurance.
- The Senior Center hosted the exciting monthly game of *Family Feud* on March 30. The seniors involved were entertained by a Senior Center staff and a student volunteer, who provided the score and sound effects. Prizes for this event were generously provided by Humana Insurance.
- The monthly *iPad class* was held on March 3. The iPad class had 20 students in class making the March class the best attended class to date.
- In the month of March the Senior Center held six special event rentals, which included a weekly church service, a wedding reception, and a Fashion Show organized by the Soroptimist of Moreno Valley.

Grant Program

A Child's Place

- "Be Our Guest" was the theme for "A Child's Place" first *Annual Spring Family Tea*. Parents were the "guests" of this event and the children dressed with their aprons and chef hats and served their parents the perfect cup of homemade tea infused with fruit and an assortment of sandwiches and cookies. Parents enjoyed their treats with their children while listening to the soundtrack of "Beauty and the Beast." Approximately 40 parents participated in this event.
- The children received a special visit from *Fire Station 91*. Thanks to Captain Fleming and his crew, the children had the opportunity to explore the fire truck and learn about fire safety and fire prevention. Children learned about the different positions of fire fighters and had opportunities to ask questions.
- **Eastern Municipal Water District** and Otis the Turtle came to the child care sites to teach the children about water conservation. The children created water cycle bracelets and edible aquifers, and received a backpack filled with books, pencils, toothbrush, magnets, and posters to remind them of being water wise.

THINK Together

- THINK Together promotes AVID Strategies and focuses on "academic reading" and "writing to learn," thereby clarifying and enhancing what it means for students to read and write effectively. AVID's approach to teaching reading and writing has been to integrate these skills with each other and within the contexts of specific academic disciplines. Students at Mountain View Middle School have been working very hard to ensure that they are using these strategies to help boost their academic awareness.
- Lasselle Elementary hosted a kickball game against Rainbow Ridge on March 23. Students at both sites practiced with their coaches and cheer teams were created for each school. There were more than 60 parents and family members cheering on both teams. The principal at Lasselle Elementary was in attendance and did the commentating and score keeping. Lasselle took the win!
- THINK Together is holding its annual reading contest for all students participating in the after school extended learning program. The sites with the most points will receive a special incentive! To participate, each child needs to complete one of the following: posters, book cover, film strip, mobile, character, compare/contrast summary, skit or diorama for each book read.

Parks Maintenance

Vandalism and Graffiti

In March, Parks Maintenance staff spent 77 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 15 sites.

Park Ranger Statistics

In March, Park Rangers patrolled 1,404 areas, had 5,488 public contacts, and issued 514 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking and alcohol.





Court Referral Workers

In March court referral workers worked 1,108 (126 work days).

Parks Projects Program

Projects in Progress

The **Shadow Mountain Park** inclusive playground construction is nearing completion. Sodded turf will be installed this month, which will need a minimum of four weeks to establish. The park is anticipated to be open in late spring



Park Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Fertilized all fields.
- Top-dressed and seeded El Potrero Park.
- Groomed and sprayed weeds in Rancho Verde, Grande Vista, and Cactus Trails.
- Groomed trails at Pigeon Pass, Sunnymead Ranch, Auto Mall, and Cold Creek.
- Weed abated March Field and the Equestrian Center.

The following projects are in progress:

- Install new weather-based irrigation controllers at Gateway Park.
- Add wooden fibar to Adrienne Mitchell Memorial Park and Pedrorena Park.
- Start repairs to water feature at Celebration Park in April.
- Spray weeds on trails and park sites.
- Aerate and fertilize baseball fields at Sunnymead Park, Morrison Park, and Shadow Mountain Park.
- Aerate, over seed, and top dress greens at the Cottonwood Golf Center.
- Fertilize sports fields (south, John F. Kennedy Memorial Park, Woodland Park, and March Field Park Fields 1 and 2).
- Renovate turf at TownGate I ball field.
- Change out lamps on Sunnymead Park and Woodland Park ball fields.
- Trim trees at various park sites.
- Trim palms at entrance to park fields at Sunnymead Park.

Conference And Recreation Center Rentals

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

- The *Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce* hosted the Moreno Valley Region "Economic and Workforce Development Summit." Jeff Malin, with the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, presented the state overview for the region. Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez highlighted the Economic Development Strategies for the City of Moreno Valley. Representatives from Highland Fairview, March Joint Powers Authority, and Riverside County Workforce Development Board completed the Summit with topics relating to their specific areas of Economic Impact.
- The *Moreno Valley Wind Symphony* held another standing room only performance featuring music from the Disney classics. The ballroom was filled with children and their parents for this free concert hosted by the City of Moreno Valley.
- The *Moreno Valley Police Department* hosted its annual Citizen Volunteer Banquet honoring those that serve during the year. Dinner was provided along with awards and accolades for the volunteers that provide necessary assistance for the department.
- The Riverside County Board of Supervisors and the Riverside County Youth Commission hosted the 19th Annual Youth Summit. The program was organized and presented by the Youth Commission with close to 500 in attendance. They put tents on both patios to accommodate the exhibitors and food service. Their program included Diversity in the Works-Unlikely Allies, cyber safety, human trafficking, and college information.
- The *Riverside County Department of Social Services* held an awards meeting for 220 members of their staff.
- Community Health Systems hosted a health fair/open enrollment for its employees.
- Career Care Institute held its nursing program graduation with over 400 in attendance.