

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### *Administration*

#### Meeting with Riverside County and City of Riverside Officials

I met recently with Riverside County CEO Jay Orr, Riverside County Assistant CEO George Johnson, and Riverside City Manager Scott Barber to discuss working in partnership for a regional approach to economic development efforts, health/wellness programs, and business attraction. Another example of how we might work together included a discussion about coordinating County, City of Moreno Valley, and City of Riverside online permitting to facilitate business attraction and development in the area. I will keep you updated on our progress as we continue to explore these regional partnership opportunities.

#### League of Cities Conference

Last week Assistant City Manager Michelle Dawson and Financial and Administrative Services Director Rick Teichert made a presentation at the annual conference of the League of California Cities. Their session, "Police Surveillance Cameras: What to Know Before You Begin," provided a city administration perspective to City Managers and Council Members who are thinking about going down the road of implementing these popular but oftentimes costly systems. Council Members Co and Molina also attended the 3-day League conference. Other educational sessions included "Changing Government with Mobile Apps," "Public Pension Reform in California," "Street Financing Techniques: Building Roads During Tough Times" and "Sharing Data for Transparency and Innovation." At the Friday morning Riverside County Division breakfast meeting, Former State Senator Jim Brulte discussed the upcoming November ballot initiatives. Additionally, Yvonne Parks, Mayor of Desert Hot Springs, was installed as the new Riverside County Division President.

#### Council Candidate Workshop

The Council Candidates Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, October 4. The Workshop will be coordinated by the City Manager's Office and each Department Head will participate and present information about the operations and organization of their department. The candidates will receive handbooks at the workshop that include information about the City, the Council/City Manager form of

government, organization chart, summaries of department missions and accomplishments, information on the approved FY 2012-13 City budget and Capital Improvement Program, and the work program for 2012-13.

### *MVTV-3*

#### Shop MoVal Website

As part of the expansion of the Shop MoVal program, MVTV-3 has created a new website that promotes local businesses and offers discounts to Moreno Valley shoppers. The new website - [www.movaldeals.org](http://www.movaldeals.org) - mirrors popular online group coupon websites, but it is free to members to sign up and access local discount vouchers.

The website features a substantial monthly deal and is consistently updated with valuable daily deals. Subscribe and start saving!

#### New Programming

The 2012 State of the City address was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and MVTV-3 was on hand to capture the event. Mayor Richard Stewart gave a snapshot of Moreno Valley's successes and challenges in 2012. This video airs daily on MVTV-3 and is available on the City's YouTube Channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/mv3morenovalley>.

In addition to the website described above, MVTV-3 created a new video highlighting the expanded Shop MoVal program. The new Shop MoVal program has many incentivizing features that are explained in this video. This video airs daily on MVTV-3 and is available on the City's YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/mv3morenovalley>.

### *Graphics*

Graphics staff provided comprehensive design service for the Mayor's State of the City event on August 23. Extensive effort went into development of banners, invitations, the event program, six extremely large program display boards, commemorative ribbons, City Council photo collages, etc., which enhanced the event's cohesive and professional look.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### Round 1 Opens

On Friday, September 7, the new Round 1 Bowling & Amusement Center opened at the Moreno Valley Mall. The 46,000 S.F. state-of-the-art entertainment center includes:



- 18 Brunswick bowling lanes, with large TV screens to show sports broadcasts and music videos
- 180 arcade games with latest in technology for both kids and adults
- Private Karaoke and party rooms
- Billiards, darts and Ping-Pong
- Food & beverage service

The new Round 1 in Moreno Valley is just the 2<sup>nd</sup> location in the U.S. for Round One Entertainment Inc., which is based in Japan and has 110 centers in that country. The first Round 1 location in the U.S. opened in Fall 2010 at the Puente Hills Mall and the 3<sup>rd</sup> location to open will be a Round 1 at Lakewood Center. Round 1 has hired 60 people to work at the new facility in Moreno Valley. If you haven't done so already—check out Round 1 on the upper level of the Moreno Valley Mall.

### Albertson's Store to Close

City staff was notified on Wednesday, September 5, by Albertson's Community Relations Department that a press release will be distributed announcing plans by SuperValu Inc. to close 60 stores nationwide—including the Albertson's store on Pigeon Pass. Minnesota based SuperValu is the parent company of Albertsons. SuperValu has struggled for the past three years as it has lost significant market share to other grocery store competitors. The closing of the Albertsons in Moreno Valley is one of 19 store closings in Southern California including five Albertson's stores in the Inland Region (Moreno Valley, Jurupa Valley, Norco, Ontario, and Victorville). Albertson's expects to close the 60 stores by December 1. At least two other grocery store companies have expressed interest in the Albertsons site if it ever were to become available. Barry Foster talked to them at the ICSC event in San Diego on September 20-21.

### ICSC—San Diego

The City of Moreno Valley once again participated in the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Western Division Conference & Deal Making event at the San Diego Convention Center on September 20-21. Moreno Valley had a trade show booth at ICSC and Barry Foster participated in many scheduled meetings

with retailers, developers and real estate professionals interested in doing business in Moreno Valley.

### New Starbucks Coffee

The new Starbucks Coffee at Lakeside Plaza is nearly ready to open. Development Services Staff worked with Starbucks and their contractor on a fire alarm issue prior to occupancy of the new store. Check out the fifth location for Starbucks Coffee in Moreno Valley at the NW corner of Iris and Lasselle.

### S Bar & Grill

A new sports bar and grill is slated to open mid-September at Lakeshore Village Marketplace in the Sunnymead Ranch area. The Lim family, of Oishii Sushi & Teriyaki Restaurant, will own and operate the new restaurant concept which will be called S Bar & Grill. Remodeling is nearly complete for the new sports bar and grill, which will be situated in the former Boompas Pizza restaurant location and is next door to Oishii Sushi. The new S Bar & Grill is expected to employ 25 people.

### Moreno Valley On the Move

Check out the latest edition of *Moreno Valley On the Move*—the City's Quarterly Economic Development News.

### Shop MoVal Expansion

The expanded Shop MoVal program was officially kicked off at the Mayor's State of the City event on August 23. Interest is already strong in the expanded Shop MoVal program which will include several new components including:

- MoVal Deals
- MoVal Rewards
- Chomp MoVal
- MoVal Games
- Shop MoVal Friends



Many thanks to Shanna Palau, Meleisa Mendonca and Tim Carroll for their hard work with the expanded Shop MoVal program. For more information about Shop MoVal, contact Shanna Palau at 951.413.3442.

### Business Spotlight

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the community's awareness of the many diverse businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses showcased at the September 11 City Council meeting was the O'Reilly Automotive Distribution Center and the Sunnymead Village Dental Group.

The Business Spotlight program also wishes to alert the City Council of some of the new businesses in the community. A few recent openings include:

- **Big League Burgers & Grill**—Opened in August 2012 at 24907 Sunnymead Boulevard in Sunnymead Plaza—SW corner of Sunnymead and Perris. The new restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a showcase of its burgers-made with 100% Angus beef and artisan bread. The Robles family who own and operate the restaurant reside in Moreno Valley and really like the potential of the community.
- **Don Patron Mexican Restaurant**—Full service Mexican restaurant opened in May 2012 in the former El Gran Burrito location at the rear of TownGate Center-next door to Regency Theatres. The new restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, as well as breakfast on Saturday & Sunday. A catering operation is also in the works.
- **Triple O Laser Tag**—Entertainment facility that opened in Fall 2011 on the upper level of the Moreno Valley Mall. Triple O Laser Tag offers private functions- including birthday parties, sports team events and other special events. The owner--Jeremy Hamilton, works as an Accounting Assistant in the City's Business License group.

### ***Building & Safety Division***

#### Development Update

The following is a summary of current development activities being worked on within the Building & Safety Division:

- **Certificate of Occupancy**
  - Dollar General
  - Traffic Division – Public Safety Building
- **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy**
  - Round 1 @ Moreno Valley Mall
  - Harbor Freight Tool DC @ First Inland Logistics
  - TJ Maxx/HomeGoods
  - Oasis Community Church
  - Starbucks @ Lakeside Plaza
- **Building Permit Issued-Under Construction**
  - Nandina Distribution Center-IDS Real Estate Group
  - Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
  - Robertson's Ready Mix Concrete Plant
  - Morrison Fire Station

- Hemlock Apartments-Rancho Belago Developers
- Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties
- Rancho Dorado Apartment (Phase II) – Palm Communities
- McDonald's @ Moreno Valley Plaza

- **Tenant Improvements Underway**

- Moss GMC/Buick
- Moss Chevrolet
- Public Safety Building – Expansion of Traffic Division
- Wizard's Party House – Jump House
- Fitness 19 on Perris Blvd.
- Dollar Tree @ Lakeside Terrace
- S Bar & Grill
- Southern Illinois University

- **Plan Check Underway for New Buildings**

- Inland Empire Global Logistics Center-Panattoni Development
- I-215 Logistics Center-Trammell Crow Co.
- Alere Property Group
- Family Dollar on Perris Blvd.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts on Perris Blvd.
- Graham Car Wash
- Westridge Commerce Center – Ridge Property Trust

- **Plan Check Underway for Tenant Improvements**

- Chipotle @ TownGate Center
- Volkswagen of Moreno Valley

#### New McDonald's Coming Soon to Moreno Valley Plaza

Construction is moving quickly on the new McDonald's restaurant being built at Moreno Valley Plaza. McDonald's officials are looking for an early Fall 2012 opening of the new restaurant on Sunnymead Boulevard, which will be the fourth location for McDonald's in Moreno Valley.



### ***Code & Neighborhood Services Division***

#### Neighborhood Clean-Up

The Code & Neighborhood Services Division will be conducting two clean-up events this fall as part of the annual Neighborhood Clean-Up campaign.

The first event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22, from the hours of 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM within Council District Three. The clean-up will service the homeowners who reside on Adios Street, Sea Biscuit

Street, Swaps Street, War Admiral Street and Acaro Street.

The second event is scheduled for Saturday, October 6, from the hours of 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM within Council District Five. The clean-up will service the homeowners who reside on Chagall Court, Gerbara Street, Caspian Way, Gucci Drive, Dynasty Court, Aristotle Court, Protea Court, Diza Street and Kalamari Court.

Dumpsters will be provided to homeowners who reside in these areas and all residents will be invited and encouraged to participate in their event. Staff from Code & Neighborhood Services, Public Works, Police Department, along with Waste Management will be working the Neighborhood Clean-Up events.

### ***Land Development Division***

#### Development Update

The following represents a summary of the development activity being worked on by the Land Development Division:

- **Grading Permits Issued**
  - Nandina Distribution Center-IDS Real Estate Group
  - Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
  - Robertson’s Ready Mix Concrete Plant
  - Morrison Fire Station
  - Hemlock Family Apartments – Rancho Belago Developers
  - Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties
  - Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II) – Palm Communities
  - McDonald’s @ MV Plaza
  - I-215 Logistics Center–Trammell Crow Co.
  
- **Plan Check Underway for Grading Plans**
  - Inland Empire Global Logistics Center-Panattoni Development
  - Alere Property Group
  - Vogel Development
  - Westridge Commerce Center
  - Family Dollar and O’Reilly Auto Parts on Perris Blvd.

#### DIF Update

At the October 9 meeting the City Council will consider an update to the City’s Development Impact Fee (DIF) rates. A new Nexus Study is being completed by a consultant based on a number of service level revisions

discussed with the City Council at the August 21 Study Session. The Building Industry Association and a number of developers are supportive of the changes being contemplated for the DIF program. Several residential developers have indicated they will push forward with new projects if the DIF rates for single-family residential is reduced as recommended.

### ***Neighborhood Preservation Division***

#### Oversight Board Update

On August 28, the Moreno Valley Successor Agency Oversight Board approved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for the period of January 2013 – June 2013. The Board also discussed the new auditing responsibilities and reporting deadlines of the recently enacted AB 1484.

AB 1484 establishes a very aggressive timeline that carries penalties for late submissions. The short timeline is further complicated by the Department of Finance’s (DOF) delay in releasing new report format requirements and audit procedures. For example the revised ROPS Report Form was provided by the DOF on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and the due date for completion was September 1<sup>st</sup>, with a need to have the ROPS approved by both the Successor Agency and Oversight Board prior to submitting to DOF. Procedures for a detailed audit of the former RDA’s Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund were posted on the DOF’s site on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the due date for completion of the audit is October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Within the next month, Successor Agency staff will work with the Moreno Valley Housing Authority, the Successor Agency, and the Oversight Board to ensure that all DOF requirements are met.

#### NSP Multi-Family Update - Allies Place Project

The City recently entered into a contract with Fannie Mae to acquire a four-unit family property located on Allies Place within one of the City’s targeted neighborhoods. Riverside Housing Development Corporation (RHDC) - a selected NSP Development Partner and city-designated CHDO- will fully rehabilitate and rent the units to income-eligible households earning up to 50% of the Area Median Income. Escrow has closed and construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks. This project is being funded with a combination of HOME Partnership and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds.

#### Myers Park Apartments Rehabilitation

The City continues to work with Mary Erickson Community Housing, a nonprofit affordable housing developer, on the rehabilitation of 27 affordable apartment units located at 24410 and 24420 Myers



Avenue. Construction of the improvements is now underway and includes exterior and interior paint, bathroom and kitchen upgrades, new flooring, new HVAC system, and landscaping improvements. Construction is expected to be completed in early January 2013. The newly renovated units will be made available to low-income homeowners with incomes at or below 50% of the area median income (\$33,500 for a family of four). The project is being funded with Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Funds.

#### Rancho Dorado Apartments

Construction is underway on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and final phase for the Rancho Dorado Apartments, near the SE corner of JFK and Perris Boulevard. Palm Communities, the developer of Rancho Dorado Apartments, is anxious to finish this 79-unit phase because there currently is a waiting list of more than 200 for the 71-unit 1<sup>st</sup> phase of Rancho Dorado Apartments. Moreno Valley, through an Affordable Housing Agreements with its former Redevelopment Agency is providing \$8.25 million in financing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Rancho Dorado Apartments project.

#### Inventory of Homes for Sale at Record Lows

California has seen some of the largest drops in inventory for single-family homes in 2012. Realtor.com reports that buyer demand has picked up, but that the number of homes for sale remains at record lows. In July 2012, data for the Inland Region (Riverside and San Bernardino counties) showed a 40% decrease in the number of homes for sale as compared to July 2011. In August 2012, the number of homes for sale in Moreno Valley was 595 as compared to 638 the month before—July 2012 and 1,068 a year ago in August 2011. This was a 7% decline from July 2012 and a 44% decrease from the year before. At 595, the current inventory of homes for sale represents about a three-month supply—which is 50% of what a normal residential resale market should be. Richard Tegley, a respected Moreno Valley realtor talked about many of the challenges still facing the residential real estate market in the Inland Region at the Wake Up Moreno Valley event on August 22. Mr. Tegley is also a long-time volunteer for the City's Foreclosure Strike Team that helps identify bank owned properties that require property compliance maintenance.

### ***Planning Division***

#### Planning Commission

At their meeting of August 23, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- Recommended approval to the City Council of a General Plan Amendment to revise the street classification for Nason Street between Cactus

Avenue and Fir Avenue. The revision is necessary to provide consistency with a City capital project to improve Nason Street. The proposed changes are supported by a recent traffic and alignment study prepared for the project. The applicant is the City of Moreno Valley. The item will be scheduled for final review and action by the City Council.

- Approved a Plot Plan and Tentative Condominium Map for a 135-unit multi-family project at the southwest corner of Iris Avenue and Via del Lago. The proposal replaces an approved 90-unit condominium project on the same site. The density of the project is within the existing zoning for the site, therefore no land use change is required. The applicant has indicated intent to build and rent the project for apartments. The applicant is Granite Capital.
- Approved an Amended Conditional Use Permit for a 138 bed assisted living facility at the southwest corner of Moreno Beach Drive and Brodiaea Avenue. The revised project modified the layout of the project and added a memory care component. The applicant is Continental East.

The meeting of the Planning Commission held on September 16 included the following item:

- Formal review and recommendation on the City's Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Strategy. Pursuant to Planning Commission review, the item will be scheduled for City Council review in October in order to comply with the timeframes identified in the Federal Energy Efficiency Grant. The applicant is the City of Moreno Valley.

#### Administrative Approvals

The following are recent administrative approvals:

- Amended Plot Plan for expansion and exterior remodeling of the Moreno Valley Buick-GMC dealership in the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. The applicant is Moss Bros. Auto Group.
- Plot Plans for exterior remodeling and the addition of an outdoor patio to accommodate a new restaurant (Chipotle) in TownGate Center. The new restaurant will occupy half of the existing building currently occupied by Blockbuster Video. The co-applicants are Chipotle Mexican Grill and the Fritz Duda Company.
- Plot Plan to add exterior lighting for signs at the Skechers warehouse and outlet store. The applicant is Skechers USA.
- Plot Plan for the addition of new generators at City Hall and the Conference and Recreation Center. The approvals include new screening enclosures and a

new trash enclosure to replace one removed to make way for the generator at City Hall. The applicant is the City of Moreno Valley.

- Plot Plan to modify an unpermitted automotive repair facility at 24175 Sunnymead Boulevard to correct major code compliance and building code violation. The applicant is David Aviel.
- Plot Plan to relocate a nail salon to a new location in the Lakeside Terrace shopping center to accommodate a new Dollar Tree store. The applicant is CSMC 2006.

#### Recent Case Submittals

- Amended Plot Plan for additional gates and perimeter fencing to accommodate a new warehouse tenant (Harbor Freight) in a recently completed building at 17391 Perris Boulevard (First Industrial Logistics Center).
- Plot Plan to establish a foot reflexology and massage business in an existing building in the Alessandro Plaza shopping center at 23750 Alessandro Boulevard.
- Plot Plan to establish an internet café in an existing building in the Ironwood Plaza shopping center at 23940 Ironwood Avenue.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit for the expansion and exterior remodel of the Moreno Valley Mortuary located at 23618 Sunnymead Boulevard.

#### ProLogis Business Park

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the ProLogis Business Park was released July 19 for public review and comment. The draft document was sent to all responsible agencies and other interested parties. Notice with an internet link to the draft document was sent to all nearby property owners. The draft document is posted on the City's website. Additionally, a press release was issued announcing the availability of the draft document for review.

The final date to submit written comments on the DEIR was September 4. All written comments received will be made part of the Final EIR (FEIR) along with a response from the EIR consultant. Once the FEIR is completed, the project will be scheduled for Planning Commission review and recommendation. Since the project includes a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, the final review and action must be made by the City Council.

The proposed ProLogis business park includes 5 buildings ranging in size from 186,000 to 861,000 square feet, with the largest building adjacent the Moreno Valley Freeway. The proposal includes a zone change to Light Industrial and a General Plan

Amendment to Business Park for the southern portion of the site. That portion of the site is currently designated single family and multiple-family residential. The northerly part of the site is currently designated Business Park for both zoning and General Plan.

#### RPT Centerpointe West Project

The Notice of Preparation (NOP) of and environmental impact report (EIR) for the RPT (Ridge Property Trust) Centerpointe West Project was sent to responsible agencies and interested parties on August 14. Public notice was also sent to adjacent property owners and published in the Press Enterprise. A press release was posted on the City's website along with the NOP documents leading to an article in the Press Enterprise.

The NOP is the first step in the public review process for an EIR. It provides an opportunity for outside agencies and interested members of the public to provide input on the subjects that should be evaluated in the EIR. Written comments on this NOP will be accepted until September 13. A public meeting was held on the NOP at City Hall on August 29 to discuss the project and answer questions from the public in advance of submitting written comments.

The RPT Centerpointe West Project includes 1) a proposed 507,720 square foot expansion of an the existing Harbor Freight warehouse at the northwest corner of Graham Street and Cactus Avenue, 2) a new 607,920 square foot warehouse building at the northwest corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue and 3) a new 164,720 square foot warehouse building at the northeast corner of Frederick Street and Cactus Avenue. The last building requires a zone change from Business Park – Mixed Use to Light Industrial, which is consistent with the zoning for the other property.

## **FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### *Animal Services Division*

#### ID ME" Animal Tagging Program Began September 1, 2012

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter began offering free collars and ID tags for all shelter pets adopted on Saturday, September 1, 2012. In addition, all pets reclaimed by their owners were also provided with a new collar and ID tag. This program was made available through a \$6,000 grant awarded by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the National Animal Control Association (NACA) to 25 municipal animal shelters located across the United States. The City of Moreno Valley is one of just three cities in California to receive

the grant award. The other two cities in California to receive this award were the City of San Jose and the City of Irvine. On August 28, 2012, the Moreno Valley City Council approved acceptance of the grant award paving the way for the Animal Shelter to begin implementing the "ID ME" Animal Tagging Program. The benefits of this program will help lost pets wearing a collar and ID tag to become quickly reunited with their owners. It also provides a promotional opportunity for the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to highlight its partnership with the ASPCA, enhancing the adoption process by providing free collars and tags on all dogs and cats adopted. At the launch of the program, customers were excited that the program allowed them to pick out a free collar and an ID tag engraved with their pet's name, address and phone number.

### ***Technology Services Division***

#### Citywide Surveillance Camera Project Moves Forward

At the August 28<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting the Council awarded the Surveillance Camera Project contract to Avrio Group Surveillance Solutions. The contract award culminates at least 9 months of work from both Police Department and Technology Services Division staff, including a very competitive RFP process. The 11 proposals received by the City demonstrated a very high level of interest in this project. Avrio will be installing at least 3 cameras in over 60 locations around the City; the locations will consist of parks and intersections identified by the Police Department. A large wireless communications network will carry the video signals back to City Hall, the Public Safety Building, where the images will be viewed, stored, and shared. Some of the initial camera locations should be operational by the year's end.

### ***Purchasing Division***

#### LOGOS Purchase Order Module Status

Purchasing has processed 630 Purchase Orders since the start up of the Logos system on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Together with the Technology Services Division, Purchasing is working through a few technical issues and processes to further enhance Purchase Order turnaround time. It is important for staff to remember to visit the Logos Home Screen daily to expedite requisitions through to Purchasing. Additionally, utilizing the Email Notification Feature in Logos from the home screen, staff can receive an email in Outlook when there is a pending Logos transaction. Contact Purchasing or T.S. for help utilizing this feature.

### ***Treasury Division***

#### Certification of City Investment Policy

At the 2012 Annual Conference of the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APT US&C), the City of Moreno Valley was awarded a certification for the Council-approved Investment Policy. The City also received certification in 1999 and 2006. Upon submission of the policy by the City for certification by the APT US&C, the investment policy is reviewed by a committee made up of representatives from local agencies across North America. The policy must receive a passing grade from all members of the review team. Policies are judged on 18 categories for required components including Investment Objectives, Ethics, Internal Controls, Diversification, Performance Standards and Reporting to name a few. Peer review provides an opportunity to ensure that the investment program is maintaining the highest level of standards and best practices and should provide confidence to both the City Council and the public that the policy in place meets the highest standards.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

#### ***Fire Operations***

On August 30, Moreno Valley experienced extreme thunderstorm activity with heavy rain and flash flooding activity from approximately 2:15 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

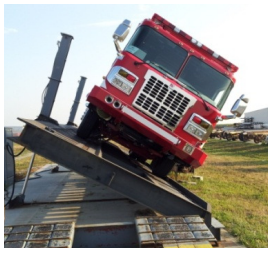
Fire Department units responded to multiple swift water rescue calls, several traffic collisions and numerous calls for residential flooding. One traffic collision at intersection of Joy Street and Cactus Avenue resulted in a major injury of one victim. In a second incident, two people were rescued from their vehicle in fast moving water at the intersection of Cactus Avenue and Oliver Street. In a third incident, an occupant of a vehicle was assisted to safety while stranded in standing water at Motor Way and Trail Ridge Way. A total of 43 emergency incidents were handled by Fire Department Units over a three hour period.

As emergency calls for services quickly outpaced the available resources in Moreno Valley, a staging area was established on Cactus Avenue at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center parking lot. All 9-1-1 calls were prioritized and resources were dispatched to the most life threatening calls first. This event was a great example of our Cooperative Regionalized Fire Protection System. Resources were quickly moved into Moreno Valley to help respond to emergencies.

A total of twelve people were displaced from four homes and are being assisted by the City's Office of Emergency Management. They included eight adults and four children.



### Morrison Park Fire Engine Update



CAL FIRE Riverside County Fire Department Staff travelled to the SMEAL Factory in Snyder, Nebraska last week to conduct the final inspection on Morrison Park Fire Engine 99. Fire Captain Dan Olson from Fire Station 91 is one of the

members of the committee who went on this trip. The engine should arrive in Fontana within the next week where it will receive another inspection. From Fontana it will travel to Indio where the compartment fabrication will occur. We expect to have the fire engine fully completed by October 15.

### Save the Date

The dedication ceremony for Morrison Park Fire Station 99 has been set for Wednesday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. at 13400 Morrison Street. The ceremony will include an official flag raising at the Fire Station by the CAL FIRE honor guard and Engine 99 going into service for the first time. This is the first new fire station built in Moreno Valley since the opening of Fire Station 91 in 2005.

### Office of Emergency Management

Moreno Valley recently felt a swarm of earthquakes occurring 3 miles North Northwest of Brawley in Imperial County. According to United States Geological Survey (USGS) seismologist, Lucy Jones, earthquake swarms are characteristic of the region, known as the Brawley Seismic Zone. The last major swarm occurred in 2005, following a magnitude 5.1 quake. Scientists are not sure what fault the recent quake cluster was on, but it was near the 800-mile San Andreas Fault, which consists of several branches in Southern California including the San Jacinto Fault Zone close to the City of Moreno Valley. The San Jacinto Fault Zone is considered to be the most active fault in Southern California and is believed to have the most potential to impact Moreno Valley.

With the recent swarm of earthquakes rattling Moreno Valley and other natural disasters in the news, it comes as a reminder to prepare yourself and your family in case of emergency. And what better time to do so, than the month of September, which is designated as National Preparedness Month. We encourage you to join the National Preparedness Coalition at: <http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/READYNPM>.

For more information, please contact Office of Emergency Management at 951-413-3800 or email [OEM@moval.org](mailto:OEM@moval.org).

### Significant Incident

On Friday, August 31 the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to a report of an apartment complex fire with potentially two children trapped inside at the La Pacifica Apartments. Upon arrival, firefighters found a three story, 28 unit apartment building with moderate smoke issuing from an apartment located on the second floor. Firefighters quickly entered the apartment to attack the fire and locate any victims. Upon a primary search of the apartment, no victims were located and it was determined that the fire was confined to the kitchen by the apartment's sprinkler system. A second search was made of the apartment and it was



confirmed that no one was trapped inside. Firefighters quickly focused their efforts on controlling the water from the sprinkler system and limiting the damage to the adjoining apartments. It was

determined that the cause of the fire was due to food cooking on the stove.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

The Human Resources Department has begun a performance audit of the Workers' Compensation program and processes. This detailed analysis will ensure that the program is operating in a cost-efficient manner and that the City is effectively served by the third party administrator through which technical functions are performed. The timing of this audit is ideal, as it will complement the fiscal audit to be conducted early next year by the City's excess insurance carrier (California State Association of Counties – Excess Insurance Authority).

Following consultation with the Police Chief, HR made a training video available to all employees regarding what to do in an Active Shooter situation. The brief video, produced by the City of Houston, teaches viewers what to do if they find themselves in a location threatened by gun violence...and when to "Run, Hide or Fight." As a training tool, the video provides potentially lifesaving information to City employees as well as their families and friends.

HR launched a citywide effort to update Emergency Contact information for all employees. By spending a few minutes to update this information, employees will ensure that HR can make rapid contact with designated individuals in the event of an emergency.

Three former City employees with post-layoff recall eligibility were returned to the full-time workforce this month. This extremely positive development was



possible through the leadership of senior managers in our Public Works Department and Financial and Administrative Services Department. City residents will benefit as these returning members of the City Team apply their skills and expertise in the public service arena.

**Motivate Wellness:** The City's employee wellness program remains extremely active, with several activities taking place which included:

- Mortgage Loan Modifications: A Lunch & Learn seminar, conducted in partnership with Moreno Valley's Visterra Credit Union, provided attendees with key information regarding Home Loan Modification programs and eligibility.
- Personal Finance: Employees were provided Point & Click access to a full range of free online finance training seminars to help plan and manage their personal finances. These resources were made available by the Moreno Valley branch of Altura Credit Union.
- Lunch & A Movie: Employees enjoyed August's presentation of "The Legend of Bagger Vance."

**Talent Management:** Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are underway for the following openings:

- Sr. Electrical Engineer (32 applicants to date). Opened 7/23/12, closes 9/6/12.
- Animal Control Officer (228 applicants). Closed 7/26/12. Second round interviews pending.
- Animal Services Assistant (480 applicants). Closed 8/23/12. Department reviewing applications.
- Recreation Aide – Sports Official (106 applicants). Closed 8/23/12. Department reviewing applications.
- Recreation Aide – Sports Programs (141 applicants). Closed 8/23/12. Department reviewing applications.
- Parks Maintenance Worker – Parks & Community Services (324 applicants to date). Opened 8/21/12, closes 9/6/12.
- Alternate Crossing Guard/PT Temp – PW/Traffic (73 applicants to date). Opened 8/21/12, closes 9/6/12.
- Senior Office Assistant (Internal) – CEDD/Code & Neighborhood Services (3 applicants to date). Opened 8/27/12, closes 9/7/12.
- Administrative Assistant (Internal) - CEDD/Code & Neighborhood Services (3 applicants to date). Open 8/27/12, closes 9/7/12.

- Sr. Administrative Assistant (Internal) Eligibility List (12 applicants). Recruitment closed with eligibility list created 8/14/12.
- Human Resources: Sr. Administrative Assistant – Transfer completed, recruitment closed.
- Code Enforcement: Sr. Administrative Assistant – Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Capital Projects/PW: Sr. Administrative Assistant – Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Technology Services: Sr. Administrative Assistant – Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Animal Services: Sr. Administrative Assistant – Employee recalled, recruitment closed.
- Animal Services Office Supervisor (Internal) (5 applicants). Closed 8/23/12. Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Library Assistant-PT Career & PT-Temp (653 applicants). Closed 7/26/12. PT Career and PT Temp candidates selected, recruitment closed.

### **Facilities Division**

The Facilities Division has undertaken a repair and painting project in the City Hall north courtyard patio area. Deteriorated portions of the shade structures were replaced in a cost-effective manner by re-purposing lumber provided by the Parks Department. Painting of the structures is complete. The next phase of the project will include refurbishing the metal fence around the courtyard patio area. These enhancements will preserve the courtyard facility while providing an aesthetically pleasing area for use by City residents and employees alike.

## **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### **Administration**

#### Cottonwood Golf Center

Effective September 1, the City of Moreno Valley resumed operation of the Cottonwood Golf Center.

#### Special Events

YouthFest 2012 was held on September 8 at Community Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents were welcomed to join community youth-based businesses and organizations for complimentary festivities as they gathered information regarding youth programs available in the community. The annual event also featured a DJ, opportunity drawings, emergency vehicles available for public tours, and dance and music performances. Booth spaces were filled by the local

businesses eager to share their services with the community.

#### Park Projects

The installation of protective sealant over the concrete at the Conference and Recreation Center's west patio has been completed. A PO for the installation of the arch has been issued and will be installed within the next month.

The Burrowing Owl study is complete for the Lasselle Sports Park. A grading permit has been issued. Clearing and grubbing commenced on August 23, 2012.

The concrete improvements at the TownGate Community Center patio are underway.

#### ***Parks Maintenance***

Projects completed included: Resurfaced Shadow Mountain Park parking lot; repaired all golf course equipment at Cottonwood; renovated portions of Salas infield and Sunnymead; and weed abated March Field Park and the Equestrian Center.

Projects in progress include: tree planting at various park sites; remove old, and install new ET irrigation controllers at 19 park sites; trim hedges at various park sites (20% complete); spray annual weeds at all park sites; weed abate Poormans Reservoir; clean equestrian center trailer and surrounding area; aerate sports field; weed all trails and parks; put decomposed granite on all trails (50% complete); place fiber at Patriot Park playground; mulch all parks; verticut all greens at the golf course; aerate and sand all greens; and work on irrigation at Celebration Park.

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas: Bayside (\$49), Celebration (\$41), Community (\$269), Gateway (\$41), JFK (\$128), Morrison (\$66), Sunnymead (\$372), Towngate (\$146), Victoriano (\$24), Westbluff (\$29), Weston (\$88), and Woodland (\$931). The total cost for vandalism/graffiti during August was \$2,184. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti were 42½ hours, approximately 5 full-time work days.

Staff training included power washer operation on August 9 and Chainsaw Safety on August 30.

Court referrals performed a total of 567 hours during August. The total hours for court referrals in 2012 are 3,565 which equates to approximately 446 full-time work days.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Citywide Camera Project – Community Advisory Meeting

On August 28, 2012, at the City Council meeting, Avrio Group Surveillance Solutions (aka Avrio RMS Group) was announced as the chosen vendor for the citywide Camera Surveillance System project. When the contract is signed, a new timeline, including the anticipated completion date, will be provided.

Another Citywide Camera Surveillance System Community Advisory Meeting was scheduled for September 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at the Moreno Valley Police Department. The goal of the meeting was to inform attendees of the history, purpose, benefits, and progress of the project. The meeting also included an open forum for community input, questions and answers.

#### Case of the Week

On Thursday, August 30, 2012, at 2:29 p.m., our officers responded to a male attempting to use a fraudulent credit card at the Sally Beauty Supply, located in the 23700 block of Sunnymead Blvd. A store employee reported that two males left the store after trying to purchase numerous items with a fictitious credit card. The employee knew the men were using a fake credit card, because they used the card in the store previously. The responding officers saw the suspects leaving the parking lot and detained them. The officers recovered numerous fraudulent credit cards and stolen property from Sally Beauty Supply and Harbor Freight Tools. The men admitted to purchasing the fraudulent credit cards in Los Angeles. One of the men admitted to illegally purchasing the items from Harbor Freight Tools with the fraudulent cards. Based on the evidence and the man's admission, the officers arrested the man and booked him into the Robert Presley Detention Center. The other man was released pending additional investigation. The investigation is ongoing.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### ***Capital Projects***

#### Morrison Park Fire Station

The construction contract for Morrison Park Fire Station was awarded to Silver Creek Industries in Perris at the September 13, 2011 City Council meeting. Construction started the second week of October 2011 after the ground breaking ceremony. This project will build a new fire station at the northeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Morrison Street



occupying approximately 1.5 acres. The Morrison Park Fire Station will be a two-bay fire station with low maintenance landscaping design. Following are the milestone of construction activities:

- Completed drywall, Fire Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Solar system in May-June 2012.
- Installing site improvement, irrigation, and landscaping in July 2012.
- Installing site concrete and driveways in August 2012.
- Construction will finish by end September 2012 (weather permitting).
- Dedication Ceremony is scheduled on October 24, 2012.

EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator

On July 10, 2012, City Council authorized the purchase from Johnson Power Systems of the generator set and tank for the EOC Family Care Center and the purchase of the additional tank for the existing generator at the City contingent upon available funding. On August 1, 2012, the Notice Inviting Bids was issued for construction of the EOC Family Care Center Generator project. Bids will be opened on September 11, 2012 and is scheduled to be awarded at the October 9, 2012 Council meeting.

City Corporate Yard Sewer Improvement Project

The north septic tank serves the Corporate Yard’s Big Bay Warehouse and adjoining office facilities. Maintenance and Operations’ staff recently reported that the north septic tank system failed. This has resulted in frequent pumping out of the sewage and special handling through contract services. Capital Projects’ in house staff has prepared the construction documents to replace the septic tank with new sewer pipes connecting directly to public sewer system.

The project was advertised for bidding in July 2012. Bids were opened on August 8, 2012. The contract has been awarded to C.P Construction Co., Inc. at the August 28, 2012 Council meeting. Construction will start by end of September 2012. Construction will finish by end of November 2012 (weather permitting).

Cactus Avenue/Nason Street Project – Electrical Generators

On the evening of August 19, 2012 the Public Works Department/ Capital Projects Division achieved a significant milestone on the \$25M Cactus Avenue/Nason Street project currently under construction with the successful coordination of electrical power transfer from the overhead power lines to the newly installed underground electrical lines that feed the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. A complete power

outage was necessary to switch power from overhead to underground lines while maintaining all operations at the hospital that functions 24/7. After months of careful planning and coordination by the Public Works Department/Capital Projects Division and stakeholders including the State hospital oversight agency OSHPD, a planned power outage was successfully concluded; four hours ahead of schedule without affecting the hospital’s operations.

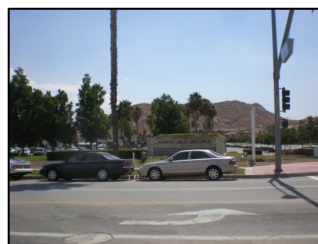


The Public Works Department/Capital Projects Division accomplished this complex operation by providing 3,500 MW (a lot of “electrical juice”) of peak power with 12,000 volt supply to the Hospital complex utilizing three 40 foot long trailer mounted generators, transformers, and monstrous size cable connectors during the power outage event. All of the overhead power lines and supporting poles along Cactus Avenue have been removed as of August 24, 2012, two months ahead of schedule making way for the widening of Cactus Avenue to four lanes. The remaining two (2) miles of infrastructure improvements is expected to be complete by June 30, 2013.

Auto Mall Improvements Phase II

Construction for the Auto Mall Improvements Phase II project has been completed. Sean Malek Engineering & Construction, the Contractor, removed the old concrete monument sign and installed a new modern electrical informational sign. The Contractor installed low water tolerant natural desert plants on a drip irrigation system. To bring additional attention to the entrance of the Mall, six vehicle exhibit pads were constructed for the Auto Mall’s dealership use, thereby increasing visual enhancing features welcoming pedestrians and motorist into the Auto Mall center. The project was completed on time and under-budget.

**Before**



**After**



***Transportation***

SB 821 Grant

In March 2012, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) issued a call for projects relating to

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the SB 821 funding program for the construction of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. Public Works responded with an application to perform ADA upgrades at multiple locations throughout the City. The proposed project has an estimated cost of \$450,000 of which \$150,000 was requested from the SB 821 funding program. Though an extremely competitive evaluation process with 29 other agency project submittals, the City of Moreno Valley was selected to receive funding for the full amount requested.

The major element of this project is to construct ADA compliant improvements including curb ramps / sidewalk connections in areas with demonstrated high pedestrian traffic relating to schools, transit stops, and major commercial shopping destinations. Specific locations that will be enhanced with this project include the intersections of Alessandro Boulevard / Indian Street, Iris Avenue / Kitching Street, Fir Avenue / Tamara Drive, Leahy Drive / Singer Street, Sheila Street / Gentian Avenue, Sheila Street / Yolanda Street, and Sheila Street / Fay Street.

#### SR2S Grant

In December 2011, Caltrans issued a call for projects relating to the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) funding program. Public Works responded with an application to construct curb, gutter, sidewalk, and install radar speed feedback signing near Chaparral Hills Elementary / Badger Springs Middle schools. The proposed project has an estimated cost of \$463,100 of which \$416,700 was requested from the SR2S funding program. The City was notified that, out of 336 applications submitted state-wide, our project was selected to receive funding for the full amount requested. The specific location of the project is on Delphinium Avenue from 590' east of Perris Boulevard to 650' west of Perris Boulevard.

#### Fiber Network Training

Terry Klauminzer, Traffic Signal Technician, recently completed a Comprehensive Installation Technology Course for Single-mode and Multi-mode Optical Local Area Networks. Terry was required to complete a weeklong intensive hands-on training course and demonstrate written testing proficiency on the subject matter. All of his hard work resulted in certification by Corning Cable Systems as a fiber installer.