

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### *Administration*

#### Jobs / Education Linkage Initiative

As reported last month, the City Manager's Office worked with Riverside Community College District (RCCD) to create a training program that facilitates employment of Moreno Valley residents at new local or regional logistics facilities. The City hosted the training at the Employment Resource Center.

We were so pleased to attend the graduation of the first 18 students on Tuesday, October 16. These graduates successfully completed their first round of Certified Logistics Associate (CLA) training courses and attended a site tour and employment interview with the Petco Distribution Center on Wednesday, October 17.

The training continued. Graduates of the CLA program proceeded with the next step in their employment training – completion of the mid-level Certified Logistics Technician certificate. We look forward to another graduation ceremony.

### *Media and Communications Division*

#### Websites

Web-App: At the request of the City Clerk's Office, MVTV-3 created a Moreno Valley election smart phone web application. This web "app" enabled voters and candidates to easily access the online County Registrar election results relating specifically to Moreno Valley. The Moreno Valley Election "app" is available for download from the City's website.

Department Web Pages: The City Manager's Office has worked with our webmaster to create a new webpage template for the City's departments and divisions. Staff rolled out the new design to the Media Liaison Team on October 22 and we look forward to assisting the departments with the transition to the new design.

#### Event Coverage

Department Feud: On October 11<sup>th</sup> as part of the employee fundraising efforts for the United Way, the City of Moreno Valley hosted the Department Feud. MVTV-3 provided the audio, video and technical support for this mock game show for charity. The efforts this year were quite successful and featured new host Mel Alonzo.

MVPD Traffic Division Ribbon-cutting: The City Manager's Office supported a City Council ribbon-cutting for the MVPD Traffic Division's office renovation project on Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>. Officers demonstrated their state-of-the-art equipment and vehicles. MVTV-3 was on hand to provide audio / video / photography coverage. Photos of this event are now available on the City's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/cityofmorenovalley](http://www.facebook.com/cityofmorenovalley). The News Center video of the event is available on the City's YouTube Channel and also on MVTV-3 during November programming.

#### Post Production

Pet-in-the-Park: On Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, MVTV-3 was on hand to cover the Pet in the Park Adoption Day, Costume Contest, and Weenie Dog Race. The News Center video of this fall event is now available on the City's YouTube Channel <http://www.youtube.com/mvtv3morenovalley>

Morrison Park Fire Station: The City Manager's Office supported the Fire Department's dedication of Moreno Valley's newest fire station – the Morrison Park Fire Station #99. The dedication occurred on October 24 at 10:00 a.m. and included the introduction of the Station #99 crew, a flag-raising ceremony, and the dedication of Moreno Valley's 9/11 Memorial.

Since the start of construction for Morrison Park Fire Station #99 last year, MVTV-3 has been consistently compiling photographs of the project's progress. The photographs were edited into a time-lapse video that premiered at the Dedication Ceremony. This video will air on MVTV-3 and the City's YouTube Channel.

March Mountain High School Art Contest: The City's Public Works Department recently hosted an art contest at March Mountain High School. MVTV-3 was on hand to provide photo and video coverage of this event. The News Center video of this event will be available on the City's YouTube Channel and also on MVTV-3 during November.

"Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business" – MVTV-3 is currently editing a video highlighting Outback Steakhouse. This video will air during the November 13<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business episodes are available on line at:

<http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/spoton-mv.shtml> or at the City's YouTube Channel.

#### New Programming

"News Minute: Round 1" – Recently, the News Center team visited Round 1 Entertainment to celebrate their grand opening in the Moreno Valley Mall. This video airs daily on MVTV-3 at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and is also available on the City's YouTube Channel.

"Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business" –Last month, Moreno Valley spotlighted the Moreno Valley Unified School District and Z & M Tailoring. This program airs daily at 9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Episodes are available on line at: <http://www.moreno-valley.ca.us/spoton-mv.shtml> or at the City's YouTube Channel.

## **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### *Administration*

#### Moreno Valley Mall

Spinoso Real Estate Group is busy pursuing new users and expansion opportunities for the Moreno Valley Mall. The Moreno Valley Mall, serving a trade area consisting of nearly 400,000 people, is an important sales tax producer for the City of Moreno Valley.

After opening on September 7, the Round 1 Bowling & Entertainment Center has posted a strong business that has exceeded original expectations. The Round 1 facility with a total of 43,700 S.F. includes 18 bowling lanes, 180 arcade games, darts, billiards, karaoke, along with food & beverage service. The Round 1 builds upon the successful Harkins Theatres in providing an important entertainment draw for the Moreno Valley Mall.

A number of other new businesses have recently opened at the Moreno Valley Mall including the Ballet Theatre Company, Body Basics, Lucy's Apparel, Rue 21, Shellshock, Triple O Lazer Tag and Vanguard Art Gallery. Two other new uses are presently underway



with tenant improvements include-Boba Express and Mente Maestra 247. Spinoso Real Estate also has ongoing negotiations with Forever 21 for a major expansion of its existing store size, along

with plans for an exciting fitness-gym concept, as well as stores for several national retailers.

Spinoso Real Estate is also marketing new retail and restaurant opportunities envisioned with a planned 39,200 S.F. expansion project for the Moreno Valley. The highly respected architectural design firm of Altoon + Porter has created conceptual plans to add four new buildings, along with some exciting pedestrian areas to be situated to the north of Harkins Theatres. Preliminary interest in this new development opportunity was strong at the recent International Council of Shopping Centers Conference (ICSC) in late September at the San Diego Convention Center.

#### Centerpointe Business Park Expansion

Work is underway to expand the Centerpointe Business Park and create more jobs in Moreno Valley. The Centerpointe Business Park--situated in the area around Alessandro, Frederick, Cactus, Graham and Heacock, already includes six developed industrial buildings with a total of more than 1.6 million square feet and Distribution Centers (DC) for Frazee Paints, Harbor Freight Tools, Minka Lighting Group, ResMed, Serta Mattress and the U.S. Postal Service. Presently USAA Real Estate & Overton Moore Properties are under construction with a new 522,774 S.F. industrial building on a 25.9 acres parcel at the NW corner of Cactus Avenue & Frederick Street. A well-known potential user is very interested and lease negotiations are nearly complete for this project to be called the Centerpointe Logistics Center.

City staff is working closely with Ridge Property Trust on plans to add another 507,720



S.F. to the existing 779,016 S.F. Harbor Freight Tools DC facility at the NW corner of Cactus Avenue and Graham Street. A draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been drafted and is available for public review for the project, which also includes development opportunities for two more buildings with a total of 772,640 S.F. Look for this EIR to go before the Planning Commission on November 29 and the City Council on December 11.

#### Value Windows & Doors

Duarte-based Value Windows & Doors continues to work towards establishing a new manufacturing facility in Moreno Valley. Value Windows & Doors has executed a Purchase & Sale Agreement and is in escrow to purchase the former MVP RV facility situated at the NW corner of Elsworth Street and Goldencrest Drive. Officials from Value Windows & Doors and their consulting team are busy working with City Development Services staff in preparing reuse plans for the 9.7-acre industrial property that includes three buildings with a total of 126,418 S.F.

### New Projects for First Industrial Realty Trust



After leasing its recently completed 691,960 S.F. First Inland Logistics Center development project to Harbor Freight Tools--First Industrial Realty Trust Inc. (First Industrial) is busy working on a number of other projects planned for the South Moreno Valley Industrial Area. First Industrial's development team is working on an EIR document to develop a new 450,000 S.F. building, to be situated on the SW corner of San Michele & Perris Boulevard and right next door to the new First Inland Logistics Center.

First Industrial is under contract to purchase a fully approved and entitled project owned by the Apache Colonel Rogers Trust that allows for the development of a 569,000 S.F. industrial building-just south of the Riverside County Flood Controls Perris Valley Storm Drain wash and east of Perris Boulevard. First Industrial is finishing up its due diligence and construction plan development work for a proposed distribution center project. Look for First Industrial to close escrow by January 2013 and start construction in February on the large scale industrial building on a speculative basis. This is more good news for potential job creation.

First Industrial is also working on preliminary plans for two other industrial building projects for the South Moreno Industrial Area that would total more than 1.5 million square feet. Both of these projects will require the formulation of EIR's.

### Brandman University to Move Campus

The Brandman University location in Moreno Valley is relocating to a site in Downtown Riverside- just east of the 91 Freeway. City staff has attempted to work with Brandman officials for the past few years on relocation possibilities in Moreno Valley. For the past two months, Brandman real estate officials failed to return voicemails or emails from Moreno Valley for an update on Brandman's relocation plans. On October 16, Brandman officials finally informed Moreno Valley that they had signed a lease for a facility in Riverside and would leave Moreno Valley by the end of January. City staff is disappointed that Brandman University officials didn't do more to consider Moreno Valley relocation opportunities. Clearly the local Brandman University officials had hoped to stay in Moreno Valley, but the Brandman officials in Orange made the decision to move to a smaller facility in Riverside.

### Riverside's & Moreno Valley's Action Plans

The City of Moreno Valley adopted its Economic Development Action Plan in April 2011. The City of

Riverside adopted an Economic Development Action Plan in February 2012. In September 2012, Moreno Valley staff provided the City Council with an 18 month update of its ED Action Plan that outlined the progress attained so far with the goals and objectives, as well as the creation of a total of 1,464 jobs in calendar year 2011 and 1,140 jobs in calendar year 2012. In October 2012, Riverside staff provided its City Council with a similar update of its ED Action Plan and a Jobs Progress Report that touts the creation of a total of 11,027 jobs in Riverside in FY 2011-12. Please note that of the 11,027 jobs, 9,631 jobs are temporary construction jobs working on construction projects associated with the City of Riverside, UCR, CBU, and RCTC road projects. The 9,631 construction jobs represent 87.3% of all jobs reported to be created by Riverside. It is important to note, the City of Moreno Valley job numbers do NOT include any construction job numbers nor do they include the 600 jobs associated with the Skechers USA facility.

After removing the temporary construction jobs from Riverside's Job Progress Report for FY 2011-12 (period between July 1 2011 to June 30, 2012) the total number of jobs reported to be created in the City of Riverside for the one year period was 1,396—which is very similar to the number of jobs created in Moreno Valley in either calendar year 2011 or 2012-which were 1,464 and 1,140 respectively. A closer look at Riverside's Job Progress Report doesn't seem to indicate the creation of new jobs in the high tech and office business sectors as Riverside proclaims to be seeking. Below is a summary of the jobs created by business type category as detailed in Riverside's Job Progress Report for FY 2011-12:

### Riverside Jobs Progress Report FY 2011-12

• <b>Attraction</b>	
Restaurant	288
Manufacturing/Distribution	277
Office	190
Other (Fitness Center-Trampoline Park)	80
Total Business Attraction Jobs	840 (7.6%)
• <b>Expansion/Retention</b>	
Manufacturing/Distribution	286
Retail	205
Office (staffing agency)	25
Other (auto auction facility)	40
Total Expansion/Retention Jobs	556 (5.1%)
• <b>Constructions</b>	
City Projects	564
UCR, CBU, RCTC	9,067
Total Construction Jobs	9,631

- **Total Jobs-Attraction & Expansion/Retention**

Manufacturing/Distribution	563(40.3%)
Restaurant	288 20.6%
Office	215 15.4%
Retail	210 15.1%
<u>Other (auto auction/fitness center)</u>	120 (8.6%)
<b>Total Jobs</b>	<b>1,396</b>

Below is a comparison of the types of jobs created in Riverside and Moreno Valley:

Type	Riverside		
	FY 2011/12	MV 2011	MV 2012
Mfg./Distr.	563 (40.3%)	894 (61.1%)	528 (46.3%)
Restaurant	288 (20.6%)	242 (16.5%)	85 (7.5%)
Office/Healthcare	215 (15.4%)	211(14.4%)	167 (14.6%)
Retail	210 (15.1%)	60 (4.1%)	340 (29.8%)
<u>Other</u>	<u>120 (8.6%)</u>	<u>57 (3.9%)</u>	<u>20 (1.8%)</u>
<b>TOTAL JOBS</b>	<b>1,396</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>1,140</b>

Shop MoVal Update

Since the expansion plans to phase in a new Shop MoVal program began just weeks ago, work within each new component is underway. The new components are interactive and infuse fun for both businesses and residents in Moreno Valley. Staff anticipates a steady increase in the rate of participation as people become familiar with the program's benefits.



Below is an update on the four components of Shop MoVal:

1. MoVal Deals

The online-driven consumer discount website is clearly meeting expectations as there is 10 deals for Moreno Valley residents and there are more than 100 consumers signed up with accounts to receive new MoVal Deals. The program's success for Moreno Valley businesses can be highlighted by the first deal submitted. Bud's Tire Pros was the program's first business participant and after only four days of their deal on the website, all 25 offers were reserved (purchased). The business owner, Bud Lupino, is pleased with the City's commitment to the business community and opportunity to help advance the success of his business in Moreno Valley.

Marketing the website to the business and resident communities intensified in October with tactics that will include, but are not limited to, postcard mailers sent out to Moreno Valley commercial businesses, advertisements in popular places such as Facebook, Your Villa Magazine, and the Press Enterprise.

Partnerships with the Chambers of Commerce, *Your Villa Magazine*, and Moreno Valley Mall will create more opportunities to get the word out as they each have unique ways to help. The Chambers of Commerce are including the Shop MoVal messages in communications with members and have agreed to distribute Program information at a variety of events. *Your Villa Magazine*, will inform current advertisers about the MoVal Deals opportunity and assist in account set up for interested businesses. The Moreno Valley Mall includes information about the program to their tenants in their monthly tenant meetings and communication pieces.

2. MoVal Rewards

The City's first ever scavenger hunt designed to help residents learn more about Moreno Valley took place from September 26 through October 17. Marketing the event included:

- Four advertising placements in the Press Enterprise
- Facebook advertisement targeting users that list Moreno Valley as their hometown, that yielded nearly 400 clicks as of this writing
- Press release announcement;
- Inclusion in CityLink
- Listing on the City's website homepage
- Distribution of flyers and entry forms at the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, Moreno Valley Mall, and in public facilities including City Hall, Library, Conference and Recreation Center, and Senior Center
- Assistance by the Chambers of Commerce and Moreno Valley Mall
- Presentation and distribution of materials to the MVUSD PTA Council

3. Chomp MoVal

Chomp MoVal is the restaurant focused component of the overall Shop MoVal program that will be hosted by the City Manager. In this episode format show which is similar to the TV show Man V. Food, the City Manager will introduce the restaurant, its owner/manager, and identify interesting things about the restaurant. Each episode will have its own creative content based on what the restaurant offers. The first episode will air in early 2013 on MVTV-3 television channel and will be posted on the MVTV-3 YouTube page at <http://www.youtube.com/user/mvtv3morenovalley>. Stay tuned for the announcement of the inaugural restaurant.

#### 4. Shop MoVal Friends

Staff has begun the practice of meeting with groups of people at the grassroots level and plans to continue scheduling more meetings in the future. The goal of these meetings is to encourage community engagement and help create support for shopping locally through education about how shopping locally helps develop a quality community. The desired outcome is for community leaders to help spread the Shop MoVal message and understand more about what our quality community has to offer.

Overall, the Shop MoVal program's core purposes are to:

- Educate residents/businesses of the benefits of shopping in Moreno Valley
- Support the local business community
- Encourage shopping locally
- Increase community engagement

Many thanks to Council Members Co and Molina who serve on the Economic Development Subcommittee and helped facilitate the expansion of the Shop MoVal Program, as well as the Chambers of Commerce for their continued support and participation. For more information on Shop MoVal, contact Shanna Palau at 413.3037.

#### Economic Development Summary-October 2012

The Economic Development summary has been updated for October 2012 and is now available on the City's website.

#### Cal Trans Job Fair in Moreno Valley

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) will hold a Job Fair on Thursday November 29 at the Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center. The purpose of the RCTC event is to link local companies with construction firms that will pursue a variety construction projects to widen highways, expand transit service and improve infrastructure in Riverside County. Much of the focus will be on businesses that could benefit from the coming \$1.3 billion project to add toll lanes to SR 91 that will start up in 2013. RCTC officials say that transportation projects on average create 18 jobs for every \$1 million in project cost. A similar Job Fair in Orange County during August attracted 400 small business people.

#### Unemployment-September 2012

Unemployment declined significantly in California in September—with Moreno Valley rate going from 14.7% in August to 13.9%. Below are unemployment statistics for the past two months.

	<u>September</u>	<u>August</u>
California	10.2	10.6
Riverside County	12.0	12.7
Banning	13.7	14.5
Beaumont	13.7	14.5
Hemet	15.1	16.0
<b>Moreno Valley</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>
Perris	18.6	19.6
Riverside	12.1	12.8
San Jacinto	18.0	19.0

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

##### Quick Statistics

The following statistics are for the Building & Safety Division for the months of September 2011 and September 2012:

	<u>Sept-2012</u>	<u>Sept-2011</u>
Counter Customer	503	487
Building Permits Issued	135	144
Valuation	\$1,351,646	\$1,905,763
Inspections Performed	569	600
Certificate of Occupancy	13	22
Plan Check Activity	131	n/a
Monthly Revenue	\$59,092	\$105,071

#### ***Business Support & Neighborhood Programs Division***

##### New Name and Expanded Scope for Neighborhood Preservation Division

With the elimination of redevelopment in California, the Neighborhood Preservation Division has been recast as the Business Support & Neighborhood Programs Division. The group will continue working on the wind-down activities of the former RDA, along with continuing to coordinate affordable housing programs, as well as managing a variety of federal programs through the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) including CDBG, HOME and NSP. With the demise of redevelopment, this Division will also do much more work with Business Development Services including operating the City's successful Ombudsman program, Business Roundtable, Business & City Connecting and coordination of the local chambers of commerce.

##### Business Expo

On October 11, the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted a Business Expo & Mixer from 5 to 7:30 pm at the Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center. The focus of the event was the opportunity to network with local businesses, along with learning about the variety of businesses and services available in the community. About 40 vendors participated in the

Business Expo and approximately 200 people attended the event.

Successor Agency/Oversight Board

The California Legislature recently passed AB 1484 in an effort to make technical changes and corrections to the AB 26 (the Dissolution Act) based on experiences in unwinding former RDA activities across the state. AB 1484 requires the Successor Agency to retain a licensed accountant to conduct separate Due Diligence Reviews (DDR), one related to housing assets and obligations (Housing DDR) and the other related to non-housing assets and obligations (Non-Housing DDR), for the purpose of determining the unobligated fund balances available for transfer to local taxing agencies. The required Housing DDR was completed on October 1, 2012 and revealed that no unobligated funds were available to transfer to other taxing agencies. On October 8, 2012, the Oversight Board conducted a meeting regarding the results of the Housing DDR to solicit comments from the public or other taxing agencies. There were no comments received. The Oversight Board met again on October 15, 2012 to approve the DDR and authorized staff to submit the report and to the Department of Finance (“DOF”) and the County Auditor-Controller (“CAC”) for approval. A non-housing review will be similarly conducted and is due by December 15, 2012.

On October 14, 2012, the Successor Agency received correspondence from the DOF disallowing several items listed as enforceable obligations on the Successor Agency’s Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS III) for the period of January to June 2013. Both, the Successor Agency and Oversight Board believe the disallowed items are enforceable obligations under AB 26. The City appealed the DOF decision by way of a “Meet and Confer” process. A Meet and Confer is a request to the DOF to reconsider a decision or determination related to former redevelopment agency wind down activities as authorized in ABx1 26 and AB 1484.

Within the several months, Successor Agency staff will work with the Oversight Board to ensure that all obligations are met for unwinding the former RDA.

Housing Resale Market-September 2012

The housing resale market continues to fluctuate through 2012. The average resale home value in Moreno Valley for September was \$166,250, which was a 5% decrease from the value of \$172,000 for the month of August. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Temecula/Murrieta and Perris also saw property values decrease by an average of 5.2%. The Cities of Corona

and Hemet/San Jacinto saw property values increase by an average of 8.5% during the month of September.

The number of resale transactions decreased in this reporting period going from 235 transactions in August to 185 in September. During the first 9 months of the calendar year, there have been 1,906 resale transactions in Moreno Valley, which is a monthly average of 212. The housing resale market continues to be mixed in other nearby Riverside county communities including Corona, Riverside, Perris and Temecula/Murrieta.

***Code & Neighborhood Services Division***

Quick Statistics

The following statistics are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of September 2011 and September 2012.

	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2011
Cases initiated	340	377
Closed case investigations	406	263
Parking Citations issued	1,894	1,945
Administrative Citations issued	64	87
Counter Customers	299	259

Mobile Billboards

Staff from Code Compliance is working with the City Attorney’s office on drafting recommended changes to the City’s Municipal Code that would specifically prohibit mobile billboards that are left on and/or adjacent to City streets. Recently, a number of mobile billboards have been used in Moreno Valley often times causing potential safety issues. Look for something to come to a City Council meeting November.

***Land Development Division***

Quick Statistics

The following statistics are for the Land Development Division for the months of September 2011 and September 2012.

	Sept. 2012	Sept. 2011
Plan Checks Processed	17	52
Grading Permits Issued	1	1
Number of Inspections	230	321
Customer Counter Visits	80	153

New DIF Rates Approved

On October 9, the City Council approved the DIF Nexus Study Update, along with revised DIF rates. The Building Industry Association (BIA), along with a number of residential and industrial developers attended

the City Council meeting to speak and/or lend support to the DIF program changes including the BIA, First Industrial Realty Trust, GFR Enterprises, Mission Pacific Land Company, Pacific Communities, Panattoni Development Company, Rancho Belago Developers, Ridge Property Trust, Sares-REGIS Group, Trammell Crow Company and USAA Real Estate Company.

New Sign Up for Chicago Pasta House

Early in October the new sign went up for Chicago Pasta House. Check out the new monument sign in front of the restaurant and stop in for some of the great pizza or other cuisine that Chicago Pasta House has become well known for. Thanks to Mark Sambito for working on the changes for the Municipal Code to allow the sign on Sunnymead Boulevard.



**Planning Division**

Quick Statistics

The following statistics are for the Planning Division for the months of September 2011 and September 2012:

	<u>Sept-2012</u>	<u>Sept-2011</u>
Counter Customers	305	306
Major Case submittals	4	2
Minor Case submittals	55	54
Plan Check submittals	24	33
Application Fees	\$50,499	\$56,455

Planning Commission

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for November 29, 2012. The following item is scheduled for that meeting:

- Review and recommendation on the RPT Centerpointe West Project. The project, located north and east of the intersection of Frederick Street and Cactus Avenue, proposes an expansion to the existing Harbor Freight warehouse and two new warehouse buildings. A zone change from Business Park–Mixed Use is proposed for a portion of the site. Due to the scale of the project, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for the project. The Planning Commission date was moved to accommodate the project schedule and allow for project to be heard by the City Council on December 11, 2012. City Council review is required due to the proposed zone change. The applicant is the Ridge Property Trust.

Administrative Approvals

The following are recent administrative approvals in Planning:

- Plot Plan for expansion of an existing truck trailer parking lot at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and San Michele Road. The project is adjacent to a warehouse occupied by Harbor Freight. All storage areas will be screened from public view. The applicant is First Industrial LP.
- Plot Plan to add an emergency generator at an existing warehouse at 17825 Indian Street. The applicant is iHerb.
- Plot Plan to establish a charter school in an existing commercial center located at 23750 Alessandro Boulevard. The space was previously occupied by a child care center. The applicant is Excel Prep Charter School.
- Plot Plan to establish a foot reflexology salon in an existing commercial center located at 23750 Alessandro Boulevard. Since the business involves body contact it will need to comply with the City’s massage ordinance. The applicant is Tim Q. Tat.

Recent Case Submittals

The following are recent planning case submittals:

- Conditional Use Permit to add retail beer and wine sales to an existing smoke shop located at 23031 Sunnymead Boulevard.
- Plot Plan to modify conditions regarding the opening of an emergency driveway for general use at an existing gas station located at 24840 Sunnymead Boulevard.
- Plot Plan to establish a new health club (LA Fitness) in an existing building located in the Moreno Beach Shopping Center. The proposal includes combining two vacant retail buildings, exterior remodeling and an amendment to the shopping center sign program.
- Plot Plan to add an emergency generator to an existing telecommunications facility (AT&T) located on Quincy Street.
- Plot Plan to revise the Waste Management facility on Indian Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area to relocate and expand a construction waste sorting area.
- Plot Plan to convert a former child care center to an adult day care facility. The proposal includes exterior modifications to the property.
- Sign Program Amendment to the Stoneridge Towne Centre sign program related to exterior renovations and updates to the existing Chili’s Grill & Bar.

### RPT Centerpointe West Project

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the RPT Centerpointe West Project was sent to responsible agencies and interested parties on September 21, 2012. 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 DEIR documents.

The DEIR provides a full discussion and analysis of the potential environmental impacts identified in the Initial Study for the proposed project, most notably traffic, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. The DEIR was available for public review and comment until November 5, 2012. The comments received will be reviewed and responded to by the EIR consultant and reviewed by City staff and the City's peer consultant. The resulting document will be the Final EIR (FEIR).

Once completed, the FEIR and project plans will be scheduled for review by the Planning Commission, which is tentatively scheduled for November 29, 2012.

The RPT Centerpointe West Project includes a proposed 507,720 square foot expansion of an the existing Harbor Freight warehouse at the northwest corner of Graham Street and Cactus Avenue, a new 607,920 square foot warehouse building at the northwest corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue and 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.

### Foreclosures and Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for September shows a very slight increase in foreclosure activity in both the City and the County. The website reported one in 157 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.64% of mortgages in the City. A higher number (157) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (0.64%). This compares to a rate of one in 158 units in the prior month of August and one in 121 in the prior year of September 2011. Foreclosure activity is less than one percent (1%) higher than the prior month and twenty three percent (23%) lower than the same month last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is similar to Perris and Murrieta. Calimesa had the lowest rate locally (1 in 406) and Winchester had the highest rate (1 in 85).

By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 110) and area 92553 had the lowest rates (1 in 202). Foreclosure activity decreased in the 92557 and

92553 zip code areas, but increased in the 92555 and 92551 zip code areas.

Moreno Valley had 355 homes reported in some stage of foreclosure in September, more than the 352 homes in the prior month and less than the 440 homes in the same month last year. The City of Riverside had the highest number of reported foreclosure properties at 523 and Corona was second with 392.

The trends are shown in the chart below:

	<u>9/2012</u>	<u>8/2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>9/2011</u>	<u>Change</u>
Foreclosure Rate/City	157	158	+1%	121	(23%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	204	208	+2%	157	(23%)
Number of Homes/City	355	355	+1%	440	(19%)

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates a continuing decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City and some strength in median asking prices. As of October 1, 2012, 470 homes were listed for sale, compared with 536 at the start of the prior month, and 1,060 in the same month last year.

January 2010 marked the prior low point for inventory in recent years when 806 homes were listed for sale. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, and increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 to a peak of 1,230 in March 2011 before steadily declining since that time.

The current inventory of homes for sale is approximately a three month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. At less than half of a normal inventory, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

The median asking price was \$165,000, compared with \$162,000 in the prior month and \$150,000 in October 2011.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	<u>10/2012</u>	<u>9/2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>10/2011</u>	<u>Change</u>
Homes for Sale	470	536	(12%)	1,060	(56%)
Median Asking Price	\$165K	\$162K	+2%	\$150K	+10%
Number of Homes/City	355	355	+1%	440	(19%)

### Vogel/Sares-REGIS Project

The Vogel/Sares-REGIS Project was approved by the City Council on September 25, 2012. The approval



begins the 30 day period for any party to file its intent to challenge the project's environmental impact report in court. As of this date, no notice has been filed by the Sierra Club or their attorney Johnson & Sedlack, the entities that filed the appeal of the project for City Council review.

The Vogel Industrial Project is a proposed 1,616,133 square foot warehouse/distribution building on a 71-acre site located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The proposed project is consistent with the Specific Plan for the industrial area and does not require any land use changes or variances.

#### ProLogis Business Park

Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the ProLogis Business Park were received until September 4<sup>th</sup>. All written comments received will be made part of the Final EIR along with responses now being drafted by the EIR consultant. Once 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. No Planning Commission hearing is anticipated prior to the end of this calendar year.

The proposed ProLogis business park includes 5 buildings ranging in size from 186,000 to 861,000 square feet, with the largest building adjacent to 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.

## **FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### *Animal Services Division*

#### Animal Shelter Adopts 23 Dogs at "Pet in the Park" Adoption Event

Kicking off the 14th Annual *Iams Home 4 the Holidays Pet Adoption Campaign*, Saturday, October 6th, 2012 proved to be a very successful day for 23 pets that were highlighted and adopted at the "Pet in the Park" adoption event at Community Park. In addition to the 23 dogs that were being adopted at Community Park, 6 more dogs found new homes that were at the Animal Shelter. All pets adopted received a free collar and ID Tag made possible by the ASPCA ID-ME grant award, along with

a dog bed made available by donation from Moreno Valley resident Kathy O'Connell. Once again the Parks and Community Services Department teamed up with the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to host a morning of fun activities for the family while highlighting adoptable pets from the Animal Shelter. The activities included more than being able to select a new family pet: a dog Halloween costume contest was held, along with weenie dog races and shopping with local pet oriented vendors that were featured. A big thank you to the many volunteers from the Animal Shelter and the Parks and Community Services Department who helped set up and assist city staff make this event a huge success.

#### Rescue Partner Provides "Juju" a Second Chance

On October 2, 2012 a young male terrier mix found its way to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter by way of a concerned citizen who found the dog and brought it to the Animal Shelter.



The dog was limping and was unable to walk on its left rear leg, likely hit by a car. The Animal Shelter Veterinarian, Dr. Sara Strongin, examined the dog and determined the leg injury required daily pain management treatment along with isolating the dog from other dogs in hopes its owner would soon come forward. Unfortunately, an owner never came forward but one of our rescue partners connected with this dog and began raising funds to cover its future medical costs. As a farmer in the Temecula area, Natalie Redding, was committed to providing this dog an opportunity at a second chance at life. All too often many pets that sustain injuries are less likely to be adopted due to ongoing medical costs. Natalie raised enough money through donations to cover the \$1,550 vet bill to amputate Juju's leg. Natalie named the dog "Juju" after his successful surgery and relayed to the Animal Shelter that Juju is a success story that spanned even into the UK. A lady donated \$800 from England to help cover Juju's medical expenses. Pictured is Juju recovering from surgery who is now able to move around well, on all three legs!

### *Technology Services Division*

#### New Ortho

In June 2012, GIS contracted with The Sanborn Map Company to have new 3 inch resolution aerial imagery flown citywide. Technology Services is currently conducting quality control of the imagery and the new images became accessible to staff and posted on the public site by the end of October. In addition to the

imagery, building footprints and curb line layers have also been updated to reflect changes throughout the City. The last flight prior to this update was completed in 2008.

#### Automated Imports for the New Financial System

Technology Services staff has just completed the development of the fifth import interface to the new Logos Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. These interfaces allow Accounts Payable staff to batch import and process invoices for EMWD, Edison, Moreno Valley Utility, the Gas Co. and Petty Cash accounts without the need for manual entry, thereby dramatically reducing data entry time for staff. The Logos System went live this past July. Staff will be working to fully implement the many features of the system over the next 12-18 months. Staff will provide regular updates as these features are completed.

### ***Treasury Operations Division***

#### Certification of Investment Policy from CMTA

Moreno Valley is the first city in California to receive certification of Investment Policy from the California Municipal Treasurers Association (CMTA). In August 2012, Moreno Valley learned that it had received an award of certification of the City's Investment Policy by the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APT US&C). The certification program operated by the APT US&C has been in place for more than 15 years and the City has applied for and received certification three times. Recently the CMTA began its own certification program. CMTA is an organization of public entity treasurers which has been in existence for over 50 years and addresses issues related to local government treasury management, revenue and cash management along with other public finance related issues. CMTA began accepting applications for the certification program in mid-2012 and Moreno Valley has been identified as the first recipient of their awards program. Certifications like this are valuable because they ensure that the City's policy meets standards that are consistent within the industry and promotes the adoption of industry best practices and controls. The award will be presented to the City at an upcoming City Council meeting.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

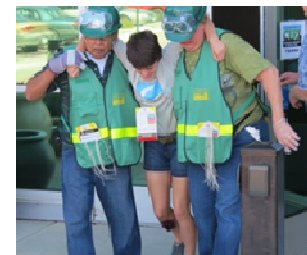
### ***Fire Operations***

The Fire Prevention Bureau will begin inspecting parcels for excessive tumbleweeds as part of our Hazard Reduction Program. It is important that owners of vacant parcels remove all accumulated tumbleweeds from their property so that they don't become a fire hazard in the Fall months and become a public nuisance

when they are blown across the city. If you would like more information on the City's lot clearing guidelines, please contact our Fire Prevention Bureau at (951) 413-3370.

### ***Office of Emergency Management***

- Emergency Response Force members participated in Youth Fest on September 8th at Moreno Valley Community Park, providing outreach, preparedness information and tours of the Emergency Response Force rig. This was a great time to encourage citizens to participate in the 2012 Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill, conducted on October 18 at 10:18 a.m.
- President Obama designated the month of September as National Preparedness month. Moreno Valley citizens were encouraged to join the National Preparedness Coalition at: <http://community.fema.gov/connect.ti/READYNPM>.
- October 12-14, Office of Emergency Management conducted FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for local community citizens. Students participated in a disaster exercise on the final day, conducting triage and providing treatment for live simulated victims.



### ***Fire Prevention***

- The Fire Prevention Bureau has begun our state mandated annual inspection of all school sites in Moreno Valley. Fire Prevention Staff are currently working with both Val Verde Unified School District and Moreno Valley Unified School District to ensure that all school sites meet minimum fire & life safety standards and that any violations noted are corrected in a timely fashion.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau hosted representatives from the Rialto Fire Department who wanted to get an overview of our Multi-Family Residential Housing Inspection Program. The City of Rialto has recently adopted a new apartment inspection program in their city that was modeled after our program here in Moreno Valley. Rialto Fire Staff accompanied Moreno Valley Fire on a field inspection of a Senior Housing Complex and then met with our administrative staff to go over our administrative and billing processes.

- The Fire Prevention Bureau completed all inspections of the new Fire Station 99 and signed off on the final Certificate of Occupancy and issued annual operating permits. This new fire station is now occupied.
- Members of the Fire Prevention Bureau were on hand at the City Council Meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> to accept a proclamation from the Council recognizing National Fire Prevention Week from October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme was "Have Two Ways Out" recognizing the need for everyone to have an exit drill in their home and to practice this drill with their family.

### ***Public Relations***

- On September 26, Towngate Fire Engine 6 went to Rainbow Springs Elementary School to provide educational instruction to students on "STOP, DROP, and ROLL" as well as "Firefighters are your friend" to numerous elementary school children. The equipment on Engine 6 was also shown to the children.
- On October 10, Towngate Fire Engine 6 went to Box Springs Elementary school and provided information to the students on various career positions within the Fire Department. Personnel also discussed the 1988 Yellowstone fires, 2003 San Bernardino fires, and the roll of smoke jumpers in firefighting with the students.

## **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### ***Special Events***

The fall and winter Movies in the Park begun on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. inside the Conference and Recreation Center's Gymnasium. Local residents were welcomed to enjoy Monster House, as well as themed decorations and activities. Additional movie nights are planned for November and December.

Staff conducted a haunted house at the Cottonwood Golf Center on October 26, 27, and 31 for those who dare to be scared. City employees and families attended a private viewing of the event on October 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### ***Library Services***

#### Fall Reading Program

Moreno Valley Public Library's 2012 Fall Reading Program has begun and runs through Thursday, November 29. The program is open to children from ages 2-13, who must have or obtain their own library card in order to participate. Readers log their reading

time and can qualify for prizes. Call or visit the library for more information.

#### Puppet Shows

The Library will present "Trick or Treat Tales," a program of puppet shows and music, on Monday, October 29 and Tuesday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Room at the library. Come early, as seating is limited. The content for each presentation is the same, so attendees should select the show time that best suits their schedule.

#### Ballot Drop-off Box

The City Clerk and County Registrar of Voters have placed a ballot box at the library, for absentee voters to drop off their ballots for the November 6 general election. The library was not used as a polling place on Election Day; however, the ballot box served as a convenience for those absentee voters who did not wish to return their ballots via postal mail.

#### PJ Story Times

The library now presents Pajama Story Times on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. Parents can bring their children, dressed in their PJs, to enjoy stories and music in the Story Time room on any Thursday evening.

#### Family Literacy Day

The national observance of Family Literacy Day occurred on Thursday, November 1. The library marked the occasion by holding a special Pajama Story Time that evening at 6:00 p.m. at the library. Watch for the special display and handouts emphasizing the importance of increasing literacy skills for all members of the family.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### Improving Your Quality of Life Through Improved Awareness (Part 1 of 5)

The Moreno Valley Police Department (MVPD) is presenting a five-part series intended to improve awareness and reduce the probability of becoming a victim of certain common crimes. Many people view their chances of being a victim through "It can't happen to me" rose-colored glasses. While the Police Department has no desire to disturb such bliss, we would like to offer some information that may actually reduce the chances of becoming a victim of certain crimes.

One of the best ways to lower the probability of being a victim is to be aware of frequently used criminal tactics, and then employ some basic counter measures. Toward that end, our goal for this series is to enhance public knowledge about some common crimes and encourage the use of some basic target hardening principles. In this

five-part series, we will focus on common internet crimes including: Identity Theft, Nigerian Money Offers, Prizes and Sweepstakes, Work-at-Home Scams, and Internet Access Services Job Scams. In this first installment, we will discuss Identity Theft.

### Identity Theft

Identity Theft often occurs around a variety of internet transactions. Criminals use internet transactions to obtain personal information and then assume their victim's identity to facilitate of other internet transaction for illegal gain. Internet criminals often lurk behind seemingly innocent and common internet services. An unsuspecting person may think an internet contact is legitimate; however, without employing some basic safeguards, the contact can lead to identity theft. While no one can be 100% protected, employing some basic safeguards can help reduce the likelihood of victimization.

As a general rule, we should always be cautious when giving out our personal information via the internet. The following tips are intended to promote safe internet use:

1. Protect your financial information. Be cautious when giving out your credit card or bank account number. Do not give your financial information to a telemarketer, e-mailer or other forms of cold contact callers whom you were not previously expecting to do business with. Even where you have solicited the business transaction, do some research to identify the person you are dealing with, his or her employer and the legitimacy of their business.
2. Your social security number is unique to you and you should keep it confidential. Very few businesses require your social security number to verify your identity; so do not give it out casually. Consistent with tip #1, make sure the person or website you are releasing your social security number to is a legitimate business.
3. Cold calls or emails from persons whom you were not expecting to do business with and who ask you to provide your identifying information before they can continue the communication should be treated with a great deal of suspicion. Often these types or criminals will present an offer that seems too good to pass up to coax you into providing your personal information. Most legitimate business have all the information they need to communicate the terms of their offering. In any case, research the employee, company and the offering prior to providing your personal information.
4. Keep detailed records of who you released your personal identifying information to. The name of the employee, the business and their need or

purpose for collecting the information is the minimum information you should keep on record. If your identity is stolen, this information may help investigators solve the case.

5. Utilize email programs and filters to screen out spam or other unsolicited emails.
6. Where you create personalized internet accounts, always protect and keep confidential your personal identification numbers (PIN) and/or passwords. The best way to protect them is to memorize them and keep them secret. If you cannot remember all of them, then write them down, but keep your list confidential. Consider locking this information in a safe.
7. When you create an internet account, use passwords that are more difficult to figure out. Do not create passwords from information that is obviously associated with you such as family member names, dates of birth, phone numbers, or addresses in any combination. We recommend that you create passwords from Alpha numeric and special symbols combinations.
8. Active Duty Military can have an active duty alert added to their credit files. This alert requires creditors to take additional steps to verify they are dealing with the correct person and not an imposter. For more information on this, just contact any of the three major credit bureaus.
9. Check your credit report on a regular basis. You can get a free copy of your credit report, once a year. For more information on this, visit [www.ftc.gov/credit](http://www.ftc.gov/credit) and click on the "Free Annual Credit Reports" box.
10. If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft, call the Police Department immediately to report the incident, consider canceling your affected credit line, internet account or bank account, and do not reuse your old passwords.
11. For further information on preventing and dealing with these types of crimes call the Federal Trade Commission toll-free, 877-438-4338, or go to [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

*Next issue: Nigerian Money Offers*

### Community Advisory Meeting

The next Citywide Camera Surveillance System Community Advisory Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at the Moreno Valley Police Department. The goal of the meeting is to inform attendees of the history, purpose, benefits, and progress of the project. The meeting will also include an open forum for community input, questions, and answers.

## Traffic Division

On October 15, 2012, the Moreno Valley Police Department held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially announce the completion of the new Traffic Division offices. A vacant portion of the Public Safety Building was renovated to better accommodate our award winning Traffic Division operation. This small event was attended by several members of the City Council, Mayor Richard A. Stewart, Sheriff Stanley Sniff, as well as other invited guests.

## Cases of the Week:

- On Friday, October 12, 2012, at 11:13 a.m., we responded to a shooting in the area of Plumeria Ln. and Saddlebrook Ln. Officers learned a gang member shot a rival gang member. Officers located the suspect, who was in the company of other gang members, at a residence in the 25100 block of Slate Creek Dr. Six males were detained. Four of the males were identified as being involved in the shooting. As the investigation continued, officers obtained a search warrant for the residence on Slate Creek Dr., which resulted in the recovery of a stolen handgun. The victim was treated for a non-life threatening gunshot wound and released from a local hospital. The four identified males were arrested and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for attempted murder and participation in a criminal street gang.
- On Monday, October 15, 2012, at 2:30 p.m., officers on the Robbery and Burglary Suppression Teams conducted a surveillance operation in the 8200 block of Madrona Ave., in the City of Fontana. On October 6, 2012, a robbery occurred at the Tobacco Bargain Express, located in the 24300 block of Hemlock Ave., in the City of Moreno Valley. Three males entered the business at knifepoint and took property. As a result of the robbery, information was garnered which led to the surveillance operation. During the surveillance, a male (one of the suspects in the robbery) left the location in a scooter. When a traffic stop was conducted, the male attempted to flee and crashed his scooter, sustaining minor injuries. The male was quickly taken into custody. A search of his residence and a vehicle at the location resulted in the recovery of three firearms and property taken from the robbery. After being treated at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, the male was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for robbery. The investigation is ongoing.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### *Capital Projects*

#### State Route 60/Moreno Beach Drive Interchange Improvements - Phase 1

The construction contract was awarded to Powell Constructors Inc., Fontana, on August 28. The contractor is completing the pre-construction requirements, including Caltrans and City permits, storm water plan, and construction material submittals. Once completed according to the contract requirements, construction will extend to summer 2013. One of the first construction activities is the two-part relocation of several overhead power lines over Route 60, which requires two separate Saturday morning "traffic breaks" by the California Highway Patrol, September 29 and October 27. Phase 1 improvements consist of realigning the eastbound on- and off-ramps to a "diamond" configuration that will connect to Moreno Beach Drive immediately south of the State Route 60 bridge. Once the ramps are moved, the project will build the road connection of Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive, thereby providing better access to the area.

#### State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge (Nason Interchange Phase 2)

The SR-60/Nason Interchange project "Phase 2" improvements will replace the existing 2-lane bridge over the freeway with a wider, higher 5-lane bridge, raising and widening Nason Street to meet the new bridge grade, adjusting the ramp/Nason intersections to meet the new grade, adding street lights and sidewalks along both sides of Nason Street, adding a soundwall along Elder Street, and related improvements. Bids were opened on October 17, 2012 and the contract is scheduled to be awarded at the November 13, 2012 City Council meeting. Construction is expected to start late-December 2012 or early January 2013, and will extend to late winter 2014.

#### Dracaea Avenue Improvements - From Perris Boulevard to Patricia Street

The All American Asphalt Contractor completed the construction of the Dracaea Avenue Improvements from Perris Boulevard to Patricia Street on September 18, 2012. The project was completed on time and within budget. The project enhanced safety for pedestrians and drivers and provided aesthetic improvements to the neighborhood. The project received positive feedback from the residents living on Dracaea Avenue as well as on the side streets.

Iris Avenue Pavement Resurfacing – From Lasselle Street to Grande Vista Drive and from the Entrance of Kaiser Hospital to Via Del Lago

The Hardy and Harper Contractor completed the Iris Avenue Pavement Resurfacing project on October 9, 2012. The project replaced approximately 1.3 miles of Iris Avenue deteriorated pavement surface with new asphalt concrete rubber surface. The resurfacing took place from Lasselle Street to Grande Vista Drive and from the Kaiser Hospital entrance to Via Del Lago. The contractor completed the project ahead of schedule and within budget. The project enhanced safety for drivers by providing smooth and a much quieter driving surface. Approximately 9,200 tons of asphalt concrete rubber was used for this project which helped to recycle about 20,000 waste tires for the State of California.

Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral “B” (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue

On July 23, 2012, the City issued a Notice to Proceed with Construction to Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral “B” (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project. The proposed work includes street widening to a uniform six travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, driveway approaches, minor drainage improvements, utility relocation, and relocated traffic signals. The total contract amount (base bid amount plus six alternates) is \$3,282,680, which is almost 12% below the engineer’s estimate.

Construction of this project is possible only because Public Works Department staff worked diligently for several months with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) staff to obtain funding. City staff pointed out to RCTC that the City had saved approximately \$1.7 million during the pre-construction phases of Regional TUMF projects, including this project. RCTC agreed to combine these substantial savings with another \$4 million in TUMF funds, for a total of approximately \$5.7 million. To this end, the RCTC Commission voted on March 14, 2012 to appropriate almost \$5.7 million in TUMF funding for the construction of this important regional project. The agreement to secure these funds was approved by City Council on April 10, 2012.

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 new fire station is located at the northeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Morrison Street occupying approximately 1.5 acres.

The Morrison Park Fire Station is a two-bay fire station with low maintenance landscaping design. The station includes. In the front entrance to the building, a memorial monument displays the 9/11 artifact which is an I-beam salvaged from the wreckage of the World Trade Center. It was placed as a memorial to the nearly 3,000 victims, including 343 firefighters and 60 police officers who gave their lives in the service of their fellow citizens on September 11, 2001.



The construction has been completed and Occupancy was granted in mid-October 2012. The Dedication Ceremony was held on October 24, 2012.

EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator

On July 10, 2012, City Council authorized the purchase from Johnson Power Systems generator set and tank for the EOC Family Care Center and the purchase of an 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 opened on September 11, 2012. City awarded the construction contract to Global Power Group, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder at the September 25, 2012 Council meeting.

The project will construct a new generator set and tank located at the Conference and Recreation Center which is designated as the EOC Family Care Center, and the a new 5,000 gallon fuel tank at the existing generator at City Hall. This new tank will bring the existing generator into compliance with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) code 110-5.1.2 which requires adequate fuel capacity to run the generator for 96 hours. Construction will start by November 2012 and will finish by end of May 2013 (weather permitting).

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 was awarded to C.P. Construction Co., Inc. at the August 28, 2012 Council meeting. Construction started end of September 2012. C.P. Construction Co. has completed the onsite sewer construction and started installation of the 12" offsite sewer main running on Iris Avenue in mid-October 2012. Construction will finish by the end of November 2012 (weather permitting).



### Police Department Traffic Division Office Renovation Project

Construction for the Moreno Valley Police Department Traffic Division Office Renovation began on April 30, 2012. Recently, the City completed the construction of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) building adjacent to the Public Safety Building (PSB). The Moreno Valley Police Department (MVPD) Traffic Division needed more space and therefore it was decided that the area left vacant by the EOC would be renovated to accommodate the Traffic Division's needs. The project includes the demolition of the existing interior walls, purchase, and installation of new partitions, removal and relocation of existing base and wall cabinetry, removal of kitchen cabinets and fabrication, and installation of new cabinets. The renovated space was re-carpeted and re-painted as well.



The building improvement construction was completed in July 2012. Furniture and partition were completely installed in mid July 2012. The phone system, data lines for computer system, and PA speakers were installed concurrently with the wall partition. The construction was completed by the end of August 2012. MVPD Traffic Division has been fully functional in the renovated space early in September 2012. The Ribbon

Cutting Ceremony was successfully conducted on October 15, 2012 and celebrated the project completion.

### Heacock Bridge

Kip Incorporated, the contractor for the Moreno Valley Heacock Bridge over Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral



"A" project, has completed all the channel construction and is now working on the road improvements. Last week the Contractor completed construction of the drain inlet, catch basins, and barrier forming construction. This week the contractor will complete the maintenance access road finish surface. KIP completed the parkway storm drain system, poured the cement for the concrete protection barriers and started the grading on Heacock Street. Everyone is working together to complete this project within budget, and the Heacock Street bridge should be opened soon.

### Cactus Avenue Widening Project from Interstate 215 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Veterans Way

Staff has applied for a State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Cactus Avenue Stage I improvements, between interstate 215 eastbound off-ramp and Veterans Way. The purpose of the Cactus Avenue Widening project is to ultimately reduce congestion and increase the level of service between the Interstate 215 Interchange and Heacock Street as identified in the City's Circulation Plan. At the request of March Air Reserve Base (MARB) personnel, the improvements will also enhance and facilitate access at the Elsworth Street Base entrance, particularly for the large weekend Reservist envoys that often back up traffic beyond the Interstate 215 ramps and onto the freeway. The proposed project will include additional lane widening to augment right turn access into MARB and the intersection widening will accommodate a future dedicated northbound right turn lane. The project will also relocate existing traffic signals and public utilities to facilitate ADA access. If the grant application is approved, it will cover 50% of the construction costs. The City would pay the 50% local match requirement. The CTC will notify the City by the end of October as to whether or not the grant was awarded for this street improvement project.

### City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Floor Rehabilitation

On September 19, 2012 STK Architecture, Inc. (STK) submitted their Project Summary Report. The Project Design Team (PDT) subsequently met to discuss the report and STK's recommendations. Staff discussed various scenarios to fix the sub-floor support concrete floor, seismic upgrades, cubical reconfigurations, and the relocation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level staff during the construction phase with minimal inconvenience to staff and the public. The PDT determined that doing the construction as a single phase project, with two relocation moves (once out and once back) would help minimize the construction time, the inconvenience of staff and public and keep the project cost down. With assistance from STK, the PDT is looking at various ways to relocate the 2<sup>nd</sup> level staff while still maintaining the best public service possible. Over the next few weeks the PDT will formulate the projects final scope of work and work out staff relocation plans.

### *Special Districts*

#### Hidden Springs & Moreno Valley Ranch HOA Consider Re-balloting for Full Service Landscape Maintenance

The Hidden Spring Residents Committee held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 10. Mayor Stewart was in attendance and updated the residents on the City's activities. Traffic Engineering provided an update on changes for the area while Special Districts gave a report on the landscaping activities. Residents have inquired about re-balloting to reinstate the landscaping back to full service. The Zone E-2 property owners did not support an increase in their parcel charges to maintain the full service level of maintenance and the zone was transitioned to reduced service in October of 2011. The residents have scheduled their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Litter Pick Up from 8 am – 12 pm on Saturday, October 27.

Members of the Moreno Valley Ranch HOA are also interesting in re-balloting their neighbors to reinstate the full service level of landscape maintenance. Willdan is currently completing a benefit analysis to determine how much the new parcel charges should be to fully fund the reserves and transition the area back to full service. Zone E-3 went to reduced service in August 2009 after the property owners elected not to support an increase in the parcel charge to maintain the full service level.

#### Update to Street Light Rate Settlement Agreement

In response to the BIA's June 29<sup>th</sup> protest to the Settlement Agreement for the new street light rate design, all parties to have agreed upon an amendment that resolves CBIA's concerns. The amendment clarifies that the wood pole allowance will be eliminated on January 1, 2014 and adds language to clarify what a developer needs to do prior to January 1, 2014 in order

to get the wood pole allowance. The Administrative Law Judge is expected to render his recommendation on the Settlement Agreement in early December after hearing testimony on the terms of this and other settlement agreements on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The PUC is expected to consider adoption of the Settlement Agreement in late January or early February of 2013, with the new tariffs effective early 2013.

### *Maintenance & Operations, Solid Waste & Recycling Program*

#### Waste Management of the Inland Empire – Illegal Roadside Bulky Item Removal Program

Waste Management initiated this service in FY 2008-09, as a provision of the amended and restated Franchise Agreement approved by City Council on June 10, 2008. Waste Management collects abandoned bulky waste items located on public property within 20 feet of the paved City right-of-way within 48 hours of notification by the City. In fiscal year 2011-2012 there were 118 cases reported. The items collected included electronics, furniture, and tires.

Items were retrieved by Waste Management's Bulky Item Collection Truck and verification of picked up items were provided via email notification and photo documentation. Additionally, Waste Management instructed its route drivers to proactively retrieve abandoned items if observed during their regular routes. Items classified as bulky waste include discarded furniture, appliances, waste tires, and oversized yard waste (tree trunks and large branches) that can be safely lifted and collected by one person. All potential hazardous waste and roadway debris in travel lanes continue to be responded to by City staff to comply with Waste Management hauling restrictions and to ensure a timely response to roadway hazards.

#### Litter Abatement Partnership – FY 2011-2012 Review

Waste Management of the Inland Empire completed its last monthly litter clean-up for fiscal year 2011-2012 on June 30, 2012. This service is a no-cost program enhancement included as a provision of the Waste Management Franchise Agreement approved by City Council in June 2008. In accordance with this provision, Waste Management dedicates a 4-person crew and one collection vehicle for eight hours per month to provide litter abatement services. In fiscal year 2011-2012, approximately 32,500 pounds of litter were collected and approximately 240 miles were covered. The areas serviced span throughout all five council districts.

This monthly Waste Management litter clean-up complements the Maintenance and Operations Division's existing Weekend Litter and Weed



Abatement Program that utilizes community service workers associated with the Riverside County Work Release Program.

#### FY 2011-2012 - Household Hazardous Waste Events Program Summary

The City of Moreno Valley, in association with the Riverside County Waste Management Department, held four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events in fiscal year 2011-2012. In these four days, 1,730 residents utilized this opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste and e-waste. A significant amount of waste was collected including: 2,203 pounds of sharps (syringes), 16,193 gallons of used oil, 29,500 gallons of paint, and 18,180 pounds of e-waste. The advertising and outreach efforts for these events included supplying local Used Oil Certified Centers with HHW flyers, which they in turn distributed to their customers. Flyers were also distributed at community events, City facilities and placed on the City's website.

Residents are encouraged to utilize the County of Riverside's permanent HHW facility located at 1780 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside. This facility is open every non-holiday Saturday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Additional information can be found by visiting their website at: <http://www.rivcowm.org/>

#### Youthfest Event Recycling Booth

This year's Youthfest featured a booth staffed by Public Works Department, Maintenance & Operations, Solid Waste & Recycling Program personnel. They



distributed environmental education information, which included topics such as recycling, green waste, household hazardous waste, and storm water pollution prevention. One of the favorite items was a magnet

that shows the materials accepted in each of the residential bins (trash, recyclables, and green waste). The magnets were distributed to the public as a helpful tool to encourage and facilitate with recycling at home.



The interactive booth provided a chance for the community to participate in the Recycling Plinko Game and win prizes that promote recycling. The game is a method used to educate the public on how different materials are properly disposed or recycled. In order to play the game, the participant had to correctly answer a

trivia question which consisted of identifying if a particular material was recyclable in the City of Moreno Valley. Many times participants are surprised at what materials could be placed in the gray recycle bin.

#### *Moreno Valley Utilities*

##### Public Power Week

Moreno Valley Utility would like to thank the City Council and the community for their support, especially during Public Power Week. Staff gave away approximately 400 compact fluorescent light bulbs to customers during the month, in addition to energy saving and weatherization tips. Staff has received positive feedback from customers. Staff hopes to expand programs and events during Public Power Week in 2013.