



December 2018

MORENO VALLEY

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tom DeSantis, City Manager



MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Holiday Programming on MVTV-3

Every December MVTV-3 produces holiday programming to kick off the winter season. This year the Media and Communications team produced the 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony video and a special holiday message from the Moreno Valley City Council. The Tree Lighting Ceremony video is hosted by Mayor Gutierrez and features the City Council, local talent performances, and a surprise visit from Moreno Valley's jolliest friend. The Moreno Valley Holiday Message features the entire City Council wishing everyone a very happy holiday season.

If you would like to view these exciting videos, please check out the [City's Facebook page](#), [MVTV-3's YouTube Channel](#), or click on the links below:

- [Moreno Valley City Council Holiday Message 2018](#)
- [Moreno Valley's Tree Lighting Ceremony 2018](#)



MAIN LIBRARY

Great Stories Club Grant

The Moreno Valley Public Library was awarded the Great Stories Club grant to provide equity, history, and identity educational opportunities for underserved teens in Moreno Valley.

The grant is provided by the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities. To read more about the Great Stories Club Grant, please visit apply.ala.org.



MALL BRANCH

California Center of the Book

The Moreno Valley Public Library received a California Center of the Book Grant to provide additional resources to Veterans and their families.

Special Veterans events related to this grant will be scheduled at the Mall Branch location in 2019.

To learn more about this grant opportunity, please visit www.calbook.org.



Human Resources Department

RECRUITMENTS	
New Recruitments	9
Ongoing Recruitments	5
Closed Recruitments	7

EMPLOYEES

444 Total

NEW HIRES

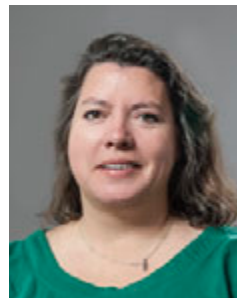


Alex Gomez
Traffic Signing & Marking Technician I
Public Works Department

PROMOTIONS



James Gutierrez
Lead Maintenance Worker
Public Works Department



Kimberly Ganimian
Management Aide
Financial & Management Services Department

Community Development Department

ANIMAL SERVICES

Boy Scouts of America Annual Recognition Event

This formerly homeless pet found his forever home during the Boy Scouts of America’s annual recognition event on November 7. The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter provides an adoptable pet to help this very important organization raise funds for the youth in our community.



Results of Pet Adoption Events in November

National Animal Shelter & Rescue Appreciation Week and Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption promotions combined resulted in positive outcomes for 60 pets.

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

Solaris Paper Occupies New Industrial Building

Solaris Paper has been issued a “Temporary Certificate of Occupancy” and is now open for business. Solaris is a North American paper goods manufacturer that has made its home at the Prologis Eucalyptus Industrial Park along the SR60 corridor. Solaris brands include LoCoR, LiVi, and Fiora.

BUILDING & SAFETY ACTIVITY	November 2018
Building Permits Issued	413
Certificates of Occupancy issued	73
Inspections Performed	1,632

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	November 2018	November 2017
Cases Initiated	280	199
Closed Case Investigations	337	543

PLANNING

Development of Outreach Toolbox

The Planning Division held a kickoff meeting to begin work on the development of an outreach toolbox for disadvantaged communities. This effort was enabled by a grant received from the California Strategic Growth Council and will help develop tools and strategies for engaging members of Moreno Valley’s disadvantaged communities.

PLANNING ACTIVITY	November 2018
Major/Minor Entitlement Applications	21
Plan Check Submittals	70

Economic Development Department

Black Bear Diner Now Open In Moreno Valley

As part of the City's proactive economic development efforts, the Economic Development Department is excited to announce that Black Bear Diner is now open in Moreno Valley. Located at 24949 Sunnymead Boulevard in the Sunnymead Plaza Shopping Center, Black Bear Diner brings their home-cooked, family-oriented eatery to Moreno Valley. Founded in 1995, Black Bear Diner has more than 118 locations in ten different states. Their commitment to the community, great quality, amazing food, and excellent customer service is sure to be a recipe for success. Be sure to visit and ask for their best-selling menu item, Country Fried Steak.

Other restaurants slated to open in the near future include:

- Golden Corral: Canyon Springs Plaza
- Safe Haus Craft Beer & Kitchen: Canyon Springs Plaza
- Alamilla's Mexican Food: northwest corner of Sunnymead and Perris
- Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf: The Quarter
- Fat Burger: The Quarter
- ZPizza & Tap Room: The Quarter

For more information about the City's new businesses or to learn more about establishing a new business in Moreno Valley, please visit www.morenovalleybusiness.com or contact the Economic Development Department at EDTeam@moval.org or at 951.413.3460.



Key Statistics

The following chart details the current statistics published for employment, the housing resale market and employment resources for the City of Moreno Valley.

EMPLOYMENT	October 2018
Employment Rate	96%

HOME RESALE MARKET	October 2018
Home Resale Value	\$334,765
Number of Resale Transactions	162

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER	November 2018
Number of Persons Assisted	920
Number of Workshops	6
Number of Hiring Events	11



ELECTRIC UTILITY DIVISION



Street Light Conversion Project to Make City More Energy-Efficient

Moreno Valley Utility is embarking on an exciting project to convert more than 11,250 street lights to more efficient technology, saving taxpayer dollars while making Moreno Valley even more environmentally-friendly.

Over the next year, Moreno Valley will replace existing high pressure sodium street lights with Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology. These lights will meet the region's new standard for street lights.

Installation of LED fixtures will enhance visibility extend the life span of the lights and reduce maintenance costs.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Street Light LED Retrofit project, please call Moreno Valley Utility at 844.341.6469.



FINANCIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

City Offering Funding through Competitive Application Process

Applications for funding for the City’s Community Development Grant program (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019-2020 will be accepted through January 31, 2019. For additional information and specifics on available funding please see the application booklet available on the [City website](#). You may also contact the Financial Operations Division at 951.413.3450 or grantsadmin@moval.org for more information. Below are important dates that are tentatively scheduled related to the funding process. For up to date information, please see the [City’s website](#).

PRELIMINARY DATES	Event
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	Public Meeting 1: Finance Subcommittee to Review Action Plan, Calendar and Objectives/Policies
Tuesday, December 18, 2018	Public Hearing 1: Public Hearing to Adopt Objectives/Policies & Collect Community Needs Comments
Thursday, December 20, 2018	Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Available. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION
Thursday, January 10, 2019	In-Person Application Workshop
Thursday, January 31, 2019	Applications Due from Applicants
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	Public Meeting 2: Open Technical Review Committee meeting - Applicants are invited to attend and are provided with an opportunity to explain programs in person.
Tuesday, April 16, 2019	Public Hearing 2 : Public Hearing to Review Project Recommendations as issued by the Finance Subcommittee
Tuesday, May 07, 2019	Public Hearing 3: Approve Annual Action Plan
Wednesday, May 15, 2019	Submittal of 2019-20 Action Plan to HUD

PURCHASING & FACILITIES DIVISION

Completion of the PSB Exterior Remodeling Project

The entrance to the City’s Public Safety Building was given a drought-tolerant makeover. Visitors are now welcomed by a variety of beautiful – and water efficient – plants as they arrive.

The project was handled entirely in-house and included multiple departments/divisions: Plans from Capital Projects, concrete demolition and pouring from Maintenance & Operations, and landscape design and planting from Parks & Community Services.



Fire Department

FIRE OPERATIONS

Spark Of Love – Day Of Giving

The Moreno Valley Fire Department in partnership with our local Walmart Supercenter, participated in a “Spark of Love Day of Giving” event by collecting toys generously donated by local shoppers. The program provides toys to underserved Moreno Valley children. Firefighters and Fire Explorers showed off fire equipment and answered questions about how they keep Moreno Valley safe. More than seven boxes of new toys and monetary donations to buy additional toys were collected during the event.



FIRE PREVENTION

FIRE PREVENTION STATS	November 2018
Total Plan Review Submittals	137
Total Construction Inspections	146
Annual Fire Inspections	38
Weed Abatement Inspections	1

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MVHS – Fire Extinguisher Training

On November 1, the City’s Emergency Response Force (ERF) hosted Fire Extinguisher Training for 150 Moreno Valley High School students. Students participated in a hands-on extinguisher course utilizing a live fire extinguishing system and water-based training extinguishers. The classes also included a lecture on basic fire chemistry, the different classifications of fire, fire prevention and mitigation strategies, and the necessary steps to extinguishing a small fire.



Police Department

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

Operation Holiday Cheer

This year's Operation Holiday Cheer Banquet was a tremendous success!

On December 13, 43 Moreno Valley families were treated to a delicious dinner, fun holiday crafts, face painting and balloon animals, a demonstration from K9 Herbie, gifts and a special visit from Santa Claus! We are so thankful to everyone who donated to Operation Holiday Cheer this year and helped make the holidays magical for these children.



PATROL

Patrol Officers responded to 10,600 calls for service during the month of December.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Completion - Alessandro Boulevard Street Improvement at Chagall Court and Graham Street

The Alessandro Boulevard Street Improvement Project at Chagall Court and Graham Street has improved safety for pedestrians and drivers.

The project, which targeted Chagall Court and Graham Street, included intersection reconfiguration, the addition of a landscaped median, new traffic signal poles, pedestrian access ramps, and a new synchronized vehicular detection system for smooth traffic flow. The project received federal funding under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Adopt-A-Highway Program Pilot

As part of the City's Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful program, the first weed and litter abatement clean-up occurred at the Pigeon Pass Road/Frederick Street off-ramp/on-ramp to State Route 60.

The City Council approved the pilot project, which included coordinating with the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway program for the clean-up at this location. Caltrans remains the primary agency responsible for the regular maintenance of state-right-of-way areas, including this location.



LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

New Access - Eucalyptus Avenue Extension from Moreno Beach Boulevard to Redlands Boulevard

Eucalyptus Avenue was recently extended from Moreno Beach Boulevard (near the Auto Mall) to Redlands Boulevard, providing an alternate route and more convenient access for businesses, residents, and emergency services.

Ongoing development projects in the area will continue over the next several months to further improve roadway traffic control.



Parks & Community Services Department

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SOARING Activity Guide

The City's SOARING Activity Guide has a new, improved look – and it's available in a new flipbook on the City's website. With four additional pages, and full-color gloss text pages and cover, the Guide was sent to residents the week of December 13.



Annual Snow Day and Tree Lighting Ceremony

More than 4,000 people helped celebrated the holiday season with the Annual Snow Day and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 8. The day-long event featured snow play, holiday games, crafts, and musical performances. The event culminated with the lighting of the 30-foot holiday tree, and a special appearance by Santa himself. More than 1,000 children enjoyed the snow play area.

