

## CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

### *Administration*

#### Public Notice Publication Changes

The City Manager's Office evaluated the comparative rates for publishing Public Hearing Notices, Ordinances / Resolutions, and Bid Openings and found that the City can achieve some savings by transitioning public notice publication to the Business Journal (a subsidiary of the Daily Journal of Los Angeles - a legal journal that is an adjudicated newspaper in Riverside County). This transition is underway.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Michele Patterson at 413.3030.

#### Leadership Moreno Valley

Media & Communications recently hosted the 2012/13 class of Leadership Moreno Valley. Participants were treated to on-camera mock interviews as the City's public information officer. They also role-played a City Council Meeting, serving as members of the Council, public speakers, City staff, and / or Media Control Room technicians. Participants reported that the experience gave them a greater understanding of the complexity of the decision-making work of the City Council.

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### *Administration*

#### InTouch BioSolutions

A Research & Development (R&D) company—InTouch BioSolutions LLC is moving to Moreno Valley. Development Services staff from Business Support & Neighborhood Programs, Building & Safety and Fire Prevention has worked hard to help facilitate the relocation of this company from the San Francisco Bay area to Moreno Valley. InTouch BioSolutions is looking to start up its new operation at the Moreno Valley Commerce Center, situated at the NE corner of Alessandro and Heacock, in February.

InTouch BioSolutions owner-Dr. Jay Dela Cruz has operated for nearly 5 years in Alameda, but Dr. Dela Cruz is anxious to relocate back to Southern California, which he originally hails from. Through InTouch BioSolutions LLC Company, Dr. Dela Cruz operates the following two Divisions:

- **InTouch Bio**-providing enabling services in drug R&D and preclinical research services to doctors and the scientific community—including oncology, neurology & immunology research, along with toxicology testing.
- **Cell Specific**-providing cell based assay and drug biomarker development and cell differentiation services.

Once relocated and firmly established in business in Southern California at his new Moreno Valley lab, Dr. Dela Cruz is hopeful of growing the business operation and looking to become involved in the local college environment, such as Moreno Valley College, which has a focus in Allied Health Sciences.

#### REXIE Award – Public Partner of the Year

On January 22nd, Moreno Valley was awarded the Public Partner of the Year for 2012 as part the REXIE (Real Estate Excellence in the Inland Empire) awards for the National Association of Industrial & Office Properties' (NAIOP) Inland Empire Division. Representing Moreno Valley-- Barry Foster and John Terell attended the NAIOP REXIE Awards luncheon in Ontario, which also saw a number of developers doing business in Moreno Valley as finalists for REXIE awards in many of the categories. Additionally, a number of real estate professionals active in Moreno Valley were finalists for REXIE's. The City of Moreno Valley was nominated for the Public Partner of the Year award by six major industrial developers with projects ongoing in Moreno Valley and then was selected for the award by the Board of Directors for NAIOP. Moreno Valley beat out four other finalists for the Public Partner of the Year including the Cities of Riverside, Rialto and Hesperia, along with Riverside County.

#### Economic Development Action Plan

Barry Foster and I continue to work on formulating a new 3-year Economic Development Action Plan. The schedule for the new ED Action Plan includes the following:

- Framework for the ED Action Plan was unveiled to the City Council at the Council/Executive Team Workshop on February 2
- Economic Development Subcommittee will review and evaluate the ED Action Plan on March 14
- ED Action Plan to be discussed at City Council Study Session on April 2

- Final ED Action Plan to be considered for approval by the City Council on April 23

**Developer Workshop**

The next quarterly Developer Workshop was held on Thursday February 14 at 2 pm in the Council Chambers. The Developer Workshop, which is conducted as a part of the regular monthly meeting of the Economic Development Subcommittee in February, is a unique opportunity for the City and development community to come together to exchange ideas related to development in Moreno Valley.

**Economic Development Summary-January 2013**

The Economic Development Summary has been updated for January 2013 and is now available on the City’s website.

***Building & Safety Division***

The following statistics provided are for Building & Safety Division for the months of December 2011 and December 2012.

	<u>Dec. 2011</u>	<u>Dec. 2012</u>
Customer Counter Visits- total/daily avg.	370/31	394/33
Building Permits Issued	94	108
Construction Valuation	\$10,307,680	\$5,839,049
Construction Inspections Performed	463	530
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	16	2
Plan Check Activity	110	155
Monthly Revenue	\$54,178	\$83,747

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

**CDBG & HOME Social Service Providers Application Process**

Planning for the FY 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Partnership (HOME) program year is underway. CDBG program funds must be used for programs and projects benefiting low-and moderate-income residents or neighborhoods, to eliminate slums and blight, or to address community-wide emergency needs, such as a natural disaster. The City of Moreno Valley has used CDBG funds in the past to pay for various social service programs, street improvements, and economic development activities that create jobs. HOME program funds must be used to create, retain or rehabilitate affordable housing. The deadline for submitting CDBG and HOME project applications from non-profits and other city departments was Tuesday, January 22, 2013. Next, a Technical Review Committee (TRC) will review and score each of the proposals based on eligibility and community need. As in the past, staff plans to prepare a draft budget and provide Council Members with preliminary information on the proposed CDBG and HOME project\program selections prior to making a formal recommendation at the March 26, 2013 Council Meeting.

**Housing Resale Market-December 2012**

The housing resale market fluctuated throughout 2012. Values in Moreno Valley increased six months; along with decreasing six months. The average resale home value in Moreno Valley for December was \$169,200, which was a 4.1% decrease from the value of \$176,458 for the month of November. Other nearby communities such as Riverside and Hemet/San Jacinto also saw property values decrease in December by an average of 3%, while the Cities of Corona, Perris and Temecula/Murrieta saw their property values increase by approximately 5.9%.

The number of resale transactions increased in this reporting period and went from 201 transactions in November to 155 in December. During the calendar year, there were 2,459 resale transactions in Moreno Valley, which is a monthly average of 204. The housing resale market continues to be mixed in other nearby Riverside county communities including Corona, Riverside, Perris and Temecula/Murrieta.

**Unemployment –December 2012**

In December, the unemployment rate remained unchanged in California, but continued to decrease throughout Riverside County. California’s unemployment remained unchanged at 9.8%. Moreno Valley’s unemployment rate decreased from 13.3 to 12.8%. Below are the unemployment statistics:

California	9.8
Riverside County	11.1
Banning	12.7
Baumont	12.6
Corona	8.1
Hemet	11.5
<b>Moreno Valley</b>	<b>12.8</b>
Perris	17.2
Riverside	11.2
San Jacinto	16.8

**Homeless Count**

A homeless count was conducted in Moreno Valley on Wednesday, January 22, 2013, as part of a Riverside County, homeless count. HUD – The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development conducts homeless counts every two years. In 2011, there were 674,000 homeless in the U.S., including 20% in California. In 2011, there were 6,203 homeless people in Riverside County. In 2013, Moreno Valley’s homeless count was 29, which was a significant decrease of 213 in 2011.

**Q3 2012 Sales Tax Revenue Summary**

In a continued trend upward, reports for Third Quarter (Q3) 2012 sales tax revenue are encouraging. The 7.7%

rise in Q3 sales tax revenue, on an adjusted basis as compared to Q3 2011, marks the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive increase since the bottoming-out of the recession in Fourth Quarter 2009. While the “cash basis” increase is reported at 15%, the adjusted percent change is reflective of certain accounting aberrations such as under or over payment, and provides a more accurate account of sales activity in a given quarter.

The Q3 2012 Sales Tax Revenue Summary report compares adjusted Q3 sales tax revenue totals with adjusted Q3 2011 totals (Q3 revenue is generated between July and September). Hinderliter de Llamas Companies (HdL) compiles the sales tax revenue data obtained from the State Board of Equalization. The release of data by the State and the preparation of the comprehensive report by HdL typically occur approximately four to five months after the end of the respective quarter.

Q3 sales tax revenue for the City of Moreno Valley increases modestly in comparison to both Riverside County and the State with increases of 13.6%, and 6.6%, respectively. All but one of the twenty-nine Riverside County cities experienced a positive sales tax performance. Rancho Mirage was the only city within Riverside County with a sales tax reduction of 2.6%. The City of Moreno Valley was about in the middle and ranked 16<sup>th</sup>.

Six cities in Riverside County experienced double-digit growth for this quarter. Leading Riverside County cities sales tax revenue growth with double digits increases were Eastvale, Blythe, Hemet, Murrieta and Cathedral City.

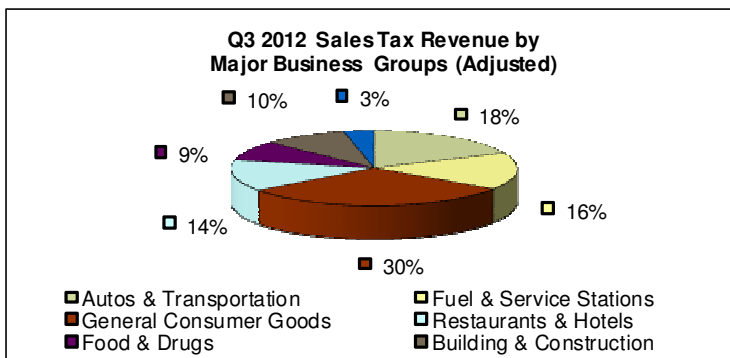
The table below compares the adjusted Q3 2012 sales tax revenues to Q3 2011 sales tax revenues for the City

Sales Tax Trends Q3 2012						
ADJUSTED FOR ECONOMIC DATA						
City/Agency	Population	3rd Quarter 2012	3rd Quarter 2011	Dollar Difference	Standard Percent Change	Adjusted Percent Change
Moreno Valley	196,495	\$3,223,702	\$2,803,301	\$420,690	15.0%	7.7%
Riverside County	2,227,577	\$69,188,769	\$60,920,220	\$8,268,549	15.0%	13.6%
Hemet	80,089	\$2,204,764	\$1,859,697	\$345,067	18.6%	12.8%
Murrieta	104,985	\$2,760,484	\$2,509,902	\$250,582	10.0%	11.4%
Corona	154,520	\$7,969,790	\$7,209,601	\$760,189	10.5%	9.8%
Temecula	103,092	\$6,354,906	\$5,811,658	\$543,248	9.3%	9.1%
State	37,679,000	\$1,400,556,473	\$1,313,409,522	\$87,146,951	8.1%	6.6%
Riverside	308,511	\$10,850,742	\$10,226,579	\$624,163	6.1%	5.9%

of Moreno Valley and other immediately surrounding western Riverside County cities with comparable population, as well as Riverside County and the State of

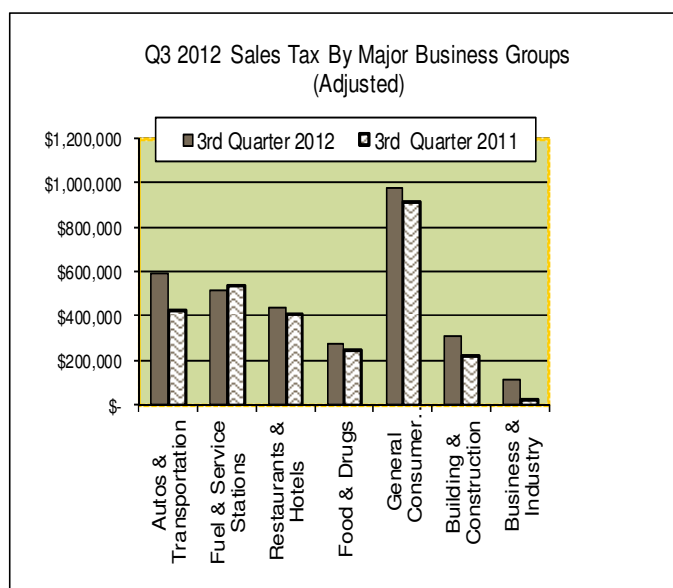
California, ranking the all agencies by adjusted percentage change.

Among this comparative group, the City of Moreno Valley ranked 6th with a \$420,690 increase (7.7%) as compared to Q3 2011. Riverside County ranked first with an increase of 13.6%, followed by Hemet, Murrieta, Corona, and Temecula with increases of 12.8%, 11.4%, 9.8%, and 9.1%, respectively. State of California and the City of Riverside ranked below Moreno Valley with increases of 6.6% and 5.9% respectively.



The pie chart provides a graphic illustration of the percentage breakdown of Moreno Valley’s Q3 2012 sales tax revenue allocations by major business group. The largest contributor of point-of-sale revenue came from sales in General Consumer Goods category, representing 30% of Moreno Valley’s total allocation with a 15% increase in spending overall in all categories.

Demonstrating Moreno Valley’s Q3 spending changes from 2011 to 2012, the chart below categorizes spending changes (largest to smallest) by major business group.



Moreno Valley's ongoing course toward economic recovery is evident in the categories with double digit increases in sales tax revenue. The **Autos & Transportation** category jumped in sales by 37.7% (\$162,387) over the Q3 in 2011. The rise in Autos & Transportation was directly reflective of consumer confidence and successful ownership at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. All brands experienced increases in sales. Volkswagen of Moreno Valley, the new brand did not have sales reported for the comparable quarter because it hadn't yet opened for business. High performing brands were Moss Bros. Honda (69.64%), Moss Bros. Buick GMC (52.67%), Moss Bros. Toyota (37.2%), Moss Bros. Chrysler Jeep Dodge (12.76%), and Moss Bros Chevrolet (2.14%). Moreno Valley's sales performances were well ahead of the State (13.5%) and the County (13.9%) in the **Autos & Transportation** category. Notable gain was also achieved in **Building and Construction** category with a 38.1% increase, along with a solid gain in the **Food and Drugs** category at 9.7%.

In the **General Consumer Goods** category, sales in Moreno Valley fell slightly (6.7%) over the Q3 in 2011 and below State and County at 7.0%, and 13.6% respectively. Sales for giant retailers such as Costco, and Super Target and Walmart Supercenter are up but marginally. In the **Fuel and Service Stations** category, sales fell by 4.5% over the Q3 in 2011. This is a consistent statewide trend. The **Business & Industry** category saw a 278.6% increase due to an adjustment. The percentage of sales increase and decrease in all categories represents \$420,690 in additional sales (15%).

## **FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### *Technology Services Division*

#### New Development Impact Fees

The new Development Impact fees approved by the City Council on October 9<sup>th</sup> went into effective on December 10, 2012. Technology Services' Enterprise Systems staff worked with the Planning division to complete the necessary changes for the new fees to be collected within the Community Development permitting application.

#### Senate Bill 1186

On September 19, 2012 Governor Brown signed SB-1186 into law. This legislation adds a state fee of \$1 to any application for a local business license or license renewal. The purpose of the fee is to create a fund for accessibility-related projects. These projects include work to increase disability access and compliance with construction-related accessibility requirements,

development of educational resources for businesses in order to facilitate compliance with federal and state disability laws, and identification and remediation of accessibility issues to prevent unnecessary litigation.

Technology Services completed modifications to the City's Business License application to implement the change to the fee calculation on all new and renewal business licenses. Technology Services' Enterprise Systems staff coordinated with the HdL Company, Treasury, Building & Safety and Media Division staff, and the League of California Cities to update all renewal forms, reports and web pages to accommodate the new fee and to provide the required language and associated web links.

### *Special Districts Division*

#### Hidden Springs Residents Committee – Meeting to Petition for Re-Ballot

Hidden Springs residents met on Wednesday, January 16 to discuss their request to re-ballot neighboring property owners to increase the level of landscape maintenance service in CSD Zone E-2. At the Committee's request, staff presented them with a budget and proposed increase in parcel charge to return the maintenance to full or standard service. (The area went to a reduced service level in July of 2011 when property owners did not support a parcel charge increase for the increasing costs to maintain the area).

A subcommittee of the residents developed an alternative service level which falls between the City's adopted standard service and reduced service levels and presented that alternative to those in attendance at their meeting on January 16th. Provided the residents are able to receive the required number of signatures from property owners requesting a re-ballot, the re-balloting process will begin with the goal to commence the new service schedule beginning in July of 2013, provided the re-ballot passes.

Because the property owners' proposed alternative for maintenance service deviates from the City's landscape maintenance service level guidelines and for consistency with current industry standards, the Council will be asked to form a Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) and the property owners will not only ballot to increase their parcel charge but will also vote on transitioning from the current Community Service District zone structure to the more commonly-used LMD structure. The petition to re-ballot is due back at the end of February.



### Increase in Theft of Backflow Devices

Over the first two weeks of the calendar year, a total of 16 backflow devices have been stolen: 14 from Special District landscape areas and 2 from Water Quality Control Basins. A backflow device prevents water from flowing backwards into the water supply preventing a contaminated water supply. Typically, to avoid being seen, the thieves usually turn the water off before stealing the device. If these thefts are not detected in a timely manner, there can be damage to the plant material due to lack of watering. The total cost to replace these 16 backflow devices is approximately \$35,000, an expense that many of the landscape areas will have difficulty absorbing.



The devices are locked and those in newer areas are “secured” in cages. In some cases, they were previously replaced from the last series of thefts in Spring 2012 and were replaced with backflows clearly made of

plastic parts, in hopes of deterring their theft. Nonetheless, thieves are stealing them for scrap metal.

With over 350 backflows of varying sizes in just Special District areas alone, it is very difficult to predict where thieves may target next. Unfortunately, this is not unique to Moreno Valley. In fact, SB 1045 (Emmerson) took effect on January 1st and increases civil liabilities on junk dealers from possessing fire hydrants, manhole covers or backflow devices absent documentation from the agency it last belonged to. Suspicious activity around a backflow device should be promptly reported to the Police Department.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### *Fire Operations*

The Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to 15,947 calls for service in 2012, an increase of 8.54% over 2011. Since 2008, there has been a 22.6% increase in calls for service for the Fire Department. Overall, Moreno Valley is the busiest Battalion in CAL FIRE/Riverside County with three of our seven fire stations finishing in the top 10 for emergency calls for service in 2012. Towngate Fire Station 6 came in at 5<sup>th</sup> with 3,802 calls for service, Sunnymead Fire Station 2 finished the year in 6<sup>th</sup> with 3,386 calls for service, and



Kennedy Park Fire Station 65 was in 10<sup>th</sup> with 2,988 calls for service.

### Stonegate Apartment Fire Update

On Thursday January 17, College Park Fire Engine 91, the Moreno Valley Police Department, and the City of Moreno Valley’s Office of Emergency Management provided toys to nine children that were displaced due to a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm fire that occurred on January 7 at the Stonegate Apartments. A large portion of the toys that were distributed to the families were donated by the CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department’s PIO Office. The children and their families were very thankful to everyone who was there and extremely grateful for the gifts they received.



### Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau completed all inspections for the new Kaiser Medical Office Building and has Fire Department signed off on the final occupancy of the building. Fire Prevention Inspectors dedicated numerous hours inspecting this new, three story medical building. The Fire Prevention Bureau coordinated phased inspections of both the fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems in order to allow the contractor to perform the finish work in the areas where both fire alarm and sprinkler systems had been installed, while other areas of the building were still awaiting the installation of their systems. Final testing of the entire system was conducted at the end of the construction process.

Fire Prevention staff responded to a request from Fire Operations regarding a fire that had occurred within the tire shredding machinery inside a tire recycling center in Moreno Valley. Firefighters reported that there were multiple violations at the facility that delayed their actions in extinguishing the fire once they were on site. Tire fires, when not rapidly extinguished, are likely to burn many hours and sometimes days until all of the fuel within the tire has been consumed. Tire storage guidelines are established in the Fire Code to limit the fire exposure threat to minimal pile sizes and these guidelines must be strictly enforced. Fire Prevention staff worked with the business owners to bring the interior and exterior of the property back into compliance.

Fire Safety Specialist Carlos Rodriguez attended the Statutes and Regulations course offered by the State Fire Marshal's Office. This was the first offering of this course by the state in over six years. The course was a valuable opportunity in understanding how all of the codes and laws adopted by the State of California work together to form our fire regulations. Additional Fire Prevention staff will attend this next course offering in February.

Fire Marshal Randy Metz and Fire Inspector Paul Villalobos attended the State Fire Training Instructor Update course. This one day course is mandatory for all registered state instructors and will allow Randy and Paul to continue to teach registered State Fire Marshal Courses to all fire department employees.

Fire Prevention staff responded to the Stonegate Apartment Fire to inspect the fire protection and fire alarm systems to determine if they had functioned as designed and installed. Fire prevention staff found that the majority of the fire activity occurred in the attic area which by code is not required to have fire sprinklers. Inspectors did find that a small number of fire sprinkler heads had fused within two of the units but the majority of the heads did not get hot enough to be effective in a fire that did not originate in the tenant space. Due to the extreme wind conditions experienced on the day of the fire, Fire Prevention staff is of the opinion that even if there had been fire sprinklers in the attic area they would more than likely not have contained this fire.

The Fire Prevention Bureau bid farewell to part-time Fire Prevention Technician Mikki Sherry in early January as she has accepted a full-time Fire Prevention Specialist position with the Rialto Fire Department. Mikki was instrumental in establishing the Fire Department's Multi Family Residential Housing Inspection Program. As one of our initial Fire Prevention Technicians, Mikki was responsible for many of the forms currently used, creating our annual scheduling program, and streamlining our billing and invoicing process. We would like to thank Mikki for all of her hard work for the City of Moreno Valley and wish her well in her new position.

#### Significant Events

On January 8, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65, College Park Fire Engine 91, the Moreno Valley Police Department, and AMR responded to a report of a vehicle versus pedestrian in Kennedy Park Fire Station's primary response area. AMR arrived prior to Engine 65 and began patient care. The firefighter paramedic and volunteer reserve firefighter from Engine 65 assisted AMR with advance life support care prior to and during

transport of the patient to the local area trauma receiving center. The final outcome of this patient is unknown.

On January 16, Towngate Fire Engine 6 and AMR were dispatched to a report of a person suffering from an allergic reaction. Upon arrival, the reporting party directed the fire crew from Engine 6 to the gymnasium where a 35 year-old female was suffering from acute anaphylactic shock. The patient was in extreme respiratory distress, unable to speak and presented with severe swelling of the neck, tongue, and extremities. While the patient had administered her own epinephrine via an Epi-Pen, she was still suffering from a life threatening allergic reaction. Fire Department paramedics provided advance life support care, including the administration of several medications in an attempt to save her life. It is believed that the prompt actions of the firefighters following the paramedic protocols established by the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency made a significant impact on the outcome of this patient. She was transported to the local area hospital and was able to speak two or three words upon arrival at the hospital. The patient is expected to make a full recovery.

On January 17, the College Park Truck 91 and Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 responded with the Moreno Valley Police Department to a report of a person suffering from severe trauma in the College Park primary response area. Truck 91 was the first Fire Department unit on scene and began basic life support measures until Engine 65 arrived. The firefighter paramedic and crew from Engine 65 administered advance life support measures to treat the patient's injuries. The patient was transferred to the local area trauma receiving center and is expected to recover from their injuries.

On January 21, the Moreno Valley Fire Department, Moreno Valley Police Department (MVPD), and Riverside County Environmental Health responded to a report of a residential structural fire with a possible explosion and injuries in Sunnymead Ranch Fire Station 48's primary response area. The first arriving Engine Company made contact with a MVPD Deputy who advised that a fire had occurred to the rear of the house causing injuries to both an adult and several children. Fire Department paramedics provided advanced trauma life support to an adult male who had serious burns to his upper torso and to three minor children. One child had suffered moderate injuries while the other two children had minor injuries. The patient with serious burns was transported to the local area Burn Treatment Center and the other patients were transported to the local area trauma receiving center. All burn injuries resulted from a flash fire due to the improper use of

black powder intentionally ignited by fireworks in the back yard. The response for this incident included two fire engines, one chief officer, three ambulances, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hazardous Device Team, the Moreno Valley Police Department, Riverside County Fire Department Hazardous Material Unit, and Riverside County Environmental Health.

On January 21, the Moreno Valley Fire Department, Moreno Valley Police Department, and AMR were dispatched to a report of a heart attack in Towngate Fire Station 6's primary response area. MVPD was the first arriving agency on scene and initiated chest compressions on an infant who was not breathing and had no pulse. Once AMR arrived on scene, the Moreno Valley Deputy carried the infant out of the house and to the ambulance, where pediatric advance life support measures began. Moreno Valley Fire Department personnel arrived on scene and the fire fighter paramedic from Engine 6 as well as the firefighter paramedic from Engine 48 assisted AMR with the treatment and care of the infant during transport to the local area hospital. Unfortunately, the infant could not be resuscitated.

## HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

**MotiVate Wellness:** The City's employee wellness program remains extremely active, with the following activities taking place:

- In response to the reemerging nationwide epidemic, employees were provided with another opportunity to receive free flu shots at City Hall as well as the City Yard. This important initiative will help ensure employee health and readiness to service Moreno Valley residents.
- Employees received information on two upcoming Retirement Planning Seminars conducted by CalPERS.
- In cooperation with our local Serta mattress manufacturer, a combined Wellness & Shop MoVal opportunity provides employees/friends/family to purchase surplus inventory at deeply discounted prices.
- The Lunch & A Movie program resumed after a holiday hiatus, providing employees with an opportunity to watch a movie over two successive weekday lunch hours.

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

- Management Analyst-PW/Land Development (FTC, 161 applicants). Applications being screened, one lateral transfer pending.
- Intern I-PW/Solid Waste Recycling (PT/Temp, 229 applicants). Applications have been screened and initial interviews conducted.
- Vehicle Equipment Technician (FTC, 52 applicants). Candidate selected, undergoing pre-employment review.
- Fire Safety Specialist (FTC, 63 applicants to date). Opened 12/10/12, open until filled. Recruitment ongoing, initial review of applications underway.
- Alternate Crossing Guard (PT/Temp, 78 applicants). Nine candidates selected; recruitment closed.

### *Purchasing & Facilities Division*

The Facilities Division completed Phase I of the City Hall flooring project, replacing carpet on the first floor of the City's primary public service facility. The original flooring material in City Hall has remained in place since the City moved into the building in 1995, having vastly exceeded its service life. Bid documents are being prepared for Phase II of the project, which will allow the long-planned rehabilitation of the City Hall second level concrete floor, scheduled roof replacement and seismic upgrades which can be most cost effectively achieved in conjunction with other elements of this project. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring, with 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor offices to be temporarily relocated to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor as well as adjacent City facilities.

### *Animal Services Division*

Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to Compete in 2013 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge: The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter has been selected to join 49 other Animal Shelters nationwide to participate in the 2013 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge competing to save more pets' lives from June 1st through August 31st. In California, only six Animal Shelters were selected to participate in the competition with two representing Riverside County (Riverside City/County Animal Shelter and Moreno Valley Animal Shelter).

The \$100K Challenge is a contest in which 50 shelters across the country will compete to break their own records at saving animals' lives. Throughout the months of June, July and August 2013, each competing shelter must save more dogs, cats, puppies and kittens than they did during the same three months in 2012.

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is excited to be a 2013 participant and we are asking the community for its support during this important 3-month event. The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter is already putting together plans to increase pet adoptions, not only during the 2013 \$100K Challenge but on a continual basis.

This pet adoption campaign provides an excellent opportunity for community members to volunteer their talents and services to help give pets a second chance of finding a life-long, loving home. Volunteer applications are available online at [www.moval.org](http://www.moval.org) under the Animal Shelter webpage. Applications will be accepted in person at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter and during the next volunteer orientation scheduled on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

### ***Library Division***

**Donations Provide New Children's Books:** The Library has recently added a variety of new children's books to the collection, through generous donations from the Moreno Valley Noon Rotary Club and the Moreno Valley Optimist Club. The library receives funds from the clubs and purchases the needed books. Each organization then invites guest speakers at their respective club meetings to sign special donation bookplates inside the books, and presents the books to the library to make them available for check-out. The Library expresses its gratitude to these fine civic groups for providing such a valuable resource to the children in our community.

**Popular Themes for January and February:** In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, library staff created a special display of materials about the civil rights leader. Other subjects popular at this time of year include Black History, Native Americans, Explorers, and the "ever popular" Science Fair projects. The library offers materials on all of these topics. In fact, the Kids' Page on the library website contains links and information on a wide variety of Science Fair resources and helps. Check it out!

**Take Your Child to the Library:** Saturday, February 2 marked the second annual "Take Your Child to the Library Day." Library staff encourage parents, grandparents, and caregivers to enjoy an outing to the library with a special youngster in their life on that day. They learned about all of the wonderful materials and resources available to your children at your Moreno Valley Public Library.

## **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

### ***Recreation Division***

#### Time for Tots

The Time for Tots program returned from their winter break on January 7 with several of the classes filled to capacity. In addition to creative curriculum, children celebrated special activity days in January by dressing originally on Mix-Match Day, learning about pilots on Amelia Earhart Day, enjoying the unique on Super Hero's Day, and celebrating everything that is pizza on Pizza Mania Day.

New classes being offered in the New Year include MusicStar Kids, which is a four-week class for children ages 6 months to five years teaching various types of music; Movie Workz Stop Motion Animation, which is an eight-week class that provides children ages seven to fifteen years an opportunity to explore stop motion animation production including image capturing, video recording techniques, and fundamentals of art and stop motion; and the DMV Test Prep, which is a four-week class designed for individuals sixteen years of age and older to prepare for and pass the DMV written test.

Winter Valley Kids Camp, held at the March Field Park Community Center, came to a close on January 11. Attending kindergarten through eighth graders spent their vacations from school enjoying creating holiday and seasonal crafts, playing festive fun-filled games and activities, and much more.

Valley Kids Camp will be open for two weeks beginning March 25 for children in kindergarten through eighth grades.

Recreation staff are preparing for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Bunny Brunch, Hop Down the Craft Trail, Spring Easter Chef's Workshop, and Spring Pet in the Park events to be held in March.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### Community Advisory Meeting

The next Citywide Camera Surveillance System Community Advisory Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at the Moreno Valley Police Department. The goal of each 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.



### Cases of the Week:

- On Friday, January 18, 2013, about 11:20 p.m., our officers received a call of a vehicle driving reckless in the area of Hubbard St., and Enchanted Way, in the City of Moreno Valley. When our officers located the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop, the vehicle failed to yield and drove away at 80 mph while swerving all over the roadway. Our officers pursued the vehicle to the dead end of Webb St., in the City of Moreno Valley, where the three occupants fled on foot. Our officers immediately set up a perimeter and with the assistance of the Sheriff's Air Unit "Star-9" they located and arrested the three suspects without incident. Our investigation revealed the vehicle was stolen out of the City of Riverside and the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and a central nervous system stimulant. The two passengers were both arrested. All three suspects were booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center.
- On Friday, January 18, 2013, about 11:50 p.m., our officers responded to the report of a rape in the 23900 block of Hemlock Ave., in the City of Moreno Valley. The victim, an 18-year old female, told our officers while she and her mother's boyfriend walked home from the AM/PM on 01/17/12, at 2100 hours, he pulled her behind the building and forcibly raped her. The suspect told the victim if she told anyone he would hurt her. The next day, the victim told her mother about the rape and when she confronted her boyfriend he fled the home. On Saturday, January 19, 2013, our officers located the suspect in the City of Riverside and took him into custody without incident.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### *Capital Projects*

#### Cactus Avenue Eastbound 3<sup>rd</sup> Lane Widening Project From Interstate 215 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Veterans Way

In late December 2012, the City submitted to Caltrans the request for funding allocation of the \$560,000 State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant awarded from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Cactus Avenue Stage I improvements, between interstate 215 eastbound off-ramp and Veterans Way. The City will use Development Impact Fee funds (DIF) to pay the 50% local match requirement. Once Caltrans has completed the City's request and allocated the funds, staff will schedule the project for construction. Staff is working with the consultant to revise the previous project specifications (approved in 2010) to be updated to meet current project specifications boiler requirements for bidding purposes. The estimated schedule to

advertise for construction bids is late March/early April 2013. The improvements will ultimately reduce congestion and increase the level of service between the Interstate 215 Interchange and Veterans Way, especially at the March Air Reserve Base entrance at the intersection of Elsworth.

#### City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Floor Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit, and Roof Restoration

The Project Design Team for the City Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Floor Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit, and Roof Restoration project are finalizing plans and specifications for the flooring rehabilitation, seismic retrofit, and roof restoration. The relocation plan of the present staff is in the last stages of approval and will allow us to place the personnel within the City Hall, and Annex #4 facilities in lieu of having to use temporary trailer facilities.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor project is on schedule to advertise for bids late January 2013. As the milestone dates become more concrete, we will publish target dates for staff information and planning purposes. 2<sup>nd</sup> level staff has begun archiving plans and files according to the City's Archiving Procedures and in general cleaning and organizing work areas to facilitate an easy move out. Keep watching this space for updated information on the big migration.

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

Riverside Construction Company has completed the majority of pre-construction requirements and is expected to start construction in late January. The improvements will replace the existing 2-lane bridge over the freeway with a wider, higher 5-lane bridge, widen Nason Street to meet the new bridge grade, adjust the ramp/Nason intersections to meet the new grade, add street lights and sidewalks along both sides of Nason Street, add a soundwall along Elder Street, and related improvements. Construction is expected to be completed in late winter 2014.

#### Cactus/Nason Project:

Construction work for widening of Cactus Avenue from Lasselle Street to Nason Street and extension of Nason Street from Cactus Avenue to Iris Avenue is continuing in full swing at 78% completion.

- Along Nason Street, master planned storm drain, domestic water, recycled water, sewer pipelines and the bridge over Line F are at 85% completion.
- Along Cactus Avenue, the widening at south side, domestic water line and master planned 72" storm drain pipe line are complete. Cactus Avenue

recycled water line is at 40% completion and the widening at the north side is continuing.

- Along Iris Avenue, pavement rehabilitation between Kaiser Professional Building and Grande Vista Drive and installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Iris Avenue and Nason Street (at Hillrose Drive) are continuing.

Cactus/Nason project construction completion is anticipated by June 30, 2013.

#### Police Department Monitor Room Space Conversion Project

The project is a Tenant Improvement type building construction. This project will construct the Monitor Room for the citywide surveillance cameras by joining the room currently used as a Report Writing Room and the adjacent IT Storage room. The construction contract has been awarded to Rasmussen Brothers Construction, Inc. by City Council on October 9, 2012.

The construction includes the demolition of the existing wall between the Report Writing Room and IT Storage Room, construction of a wall that will ultimately join the two areas to create one complete and separate room, installation of a new door and a small window, patching and painting. Additional fire alarm, strobe and audio, fire sprinklers, minor HVAC, electrical, and lighting work are also a part of the scope of work. Construction started on November 15, 2012. The general contractor has finished the interior improvement including new carpet installation by end of December 2012.

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

Construction for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project continues to progress. To date, all utility poles have been relocated to allow for the widening of the roadway. The contractor, Hillcrest Contracting, Inc., has already constructed most of the curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, and driveway approaches, completed most storm drain work, and relocated all necessary traffic signals. Upcoming work includes utility adjustments, minor storm drain work, cross gutters, and pavement widening.

The overall project objective includes constructing 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. Project completion is estimated for May 2013.

#### 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 have been opened on September 11, 2012. City will award construction contract to Global Power Group, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder at the September 25, 2012 Council meeting.

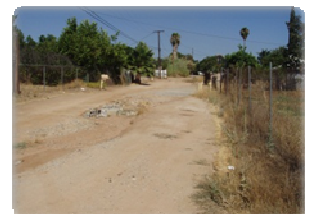
The project will construct a new generator set and tank located at the Conference and Recreation Center which is designated as the EOC Family Care Center, and the a new 5,000 gallon fuel tank at the existing generator at City Hall. This new tank will bring the existing generator into compliance with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

Following are the milestone of construction activities:

- Construction started in November 2012
- Demolition of existing trash enclosure in December 2012
- Construction of new fuel tank and trash enclosure walls in December 2012
- Construction of generator enclosure in January 2013
- Generator and tank delivery in January 2013
- Construction will finish by end of May 2013 (weather permitting)

#### Street Improvement Program – Kentland Lane, Wilson Place and Kenny Drive

The project involves the reconstruction of three (3) streets citywide with Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement roadway, striping, and signage. The improvements also include drainage, driveway construction, mailbox and utility relocations.



The three streets included in the improvements are: Kentland Lane south of Eucalyptus Avenue, Wilson Place from Hubbard Street to Kenny Drive, and Kenny Drive from Wilson Place to Hilton Street. The construction contract has been



awarded to C & C Grading and Paving, Inc. on December 11, 2012. Construction starts in January 2013 and will finish by end of April 2013 (weather permitting).

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

Construction is progressing well. The contractor built a new water line at the new right-of-way, which will allow abandonment of the existing water line along the old freeway.



The contractor is driving piles for the new retaining wall and building new drainage pipes behind the Auto Mall. These activities will allow import of earthen fill for the new eastbound on-ramp. The new on-ramp is expected to be complete in April, at which time it will be opened to traffic. On the



west side of Moreno Beach Drive, the contractor has cleared the area for the new eastbound off-ramp. The goal of the project is to realign the eastbound on- and off-ramps to a “diamond” configuration and complete the connection of Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive, thereby providing better access to the area. Due to several rainy days, if the time is not recovered, construction will extend to mid-September 2013.