

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

City Staff to Present Session at the Annual League Conference

City Manager's staff submitted a session proposal idea to the League of California Cities for their annual conference. Our proposed session topic, "Police Surveillance Camera Programs: What to Know Before You Begin," has been accepted by the League and will be presented on Friday, September 7th. This year's annual conference will be held at the San Diego Convention Center from September 5th through the 7th. Initial outlines for the session topic are due to the League by August 10th.

Cottonwood Golf Course Agreement with Pacifica University

In July 2011 the City Council approved a concessionaire agreement with Pacifica University to operate the Cottonwood Golf Course. Effective August 1, 2011, the agreement provides that Pacifica would maintain and operate the golf course, keep the revenues, and pay for utilities (among other provisions). As we have noted in several e-mails, in spite of tremendous effort on the part of staff in the Parks & Community Services Department, the arrangement with Pacifica has not worked out in the best interests of the community and the golf course. Therefore, staff will be recommending that the City Council terminate this agreement without cause and provide Pacifica with 180 days' notice of termination. This item was scheduled for the May 22nd Council agenda and Pacifica University was notified of our recommendation.

Media & Communications

Community Calendar

The Media & Communications office is pleased to announce that the new Community Calendar is operational and accessible from the main page of the City's website. Not only does the new Community Calendar display scheduled City Council and Board / Commission meetings, but it also provides links to add events to your personal calendar and / or email you event reminders.

Finally, new functionality also offers the expanded opportunity for promoting local, non-City-produced events. By clicking the "Submit your event" link, staff and the public can email Media & Communications with

the event details for review and incorporation into the calendar by City staff.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

World Logistics Center

Work continues on the World Logistics Center (WLC) project planned for the eastern area of Moreno Valley including the following items:

- Highland Fairview has submitted a draft of the Specific Plan (SP) for the WLC project to the City and the SP is being reviewed by City staff and the PEER Consultant, as well as being distributed to public agencies and interested parties.
- At the May 22 City Council meeting, a Public Hearing was conducted to consider the expansion of the application for the WLC project to include properties not owned or participating with the project applicant-Highland Fairview. Inclusion of the properties-owned by 18 different entities, into the Specific Plan would assist in preparing a consistent and orderly proposal for the future development of this area—which includes the majority of property south of SR60 and east of Redlands Boulevard—all the way to Moreno Valley's easterly border. The City's adopted Economic Development Action Plan identified this area—the Moreno Highlands Specific Plan as an Area of Opportunity and the development of logistics and distribution businesses, aimed at job creation in the community.
- Highland Fairview's consulting team continues to work on the many technical studies and the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) document for the WLC project. Look for the draft EIR to be ready by the end of May.

New Fitness 19 Coming

Pre-development is underway for a 3rd location for Fitness 19 in Moreno Valley. Tenant improvement plans are in final plan check for the new Fitness 19 facility, which will be located at 12220 Perris Boulevard, in the former 23,320 S.F. building that previously was an indoor swap meet mini-mall. The new Fitness 19 will be 10,420 S.F. and will occupy 45% of the currently vacant building situated at the NEC of Perris and Hemlock, in

Moreno Valley Village, which is anchored by a Food 4 Less grocery store. Look for tenant improvement work to start by the end of May for the new Fitness 19.

First Inland Logistics Center Expansion

First Industrial Realty Trust is just finishing up with the 691,960 S.F. building being developed as part of its First Inland Logistics Center project at 24870 Nandina Avenue—situated near the NW corner of Nandina and Perris. Negotiations are underway with several major users for the new modern distribution facility. In March, First Industrial closed escrow on the purchase of an additional 25-acres at the SW corner of San Michele and Perris that will present another development opportunity for First Industrial, as well as potentially providing an expansion opportunity for the new business that will occupy the 691,960 S.F. DC facility that could increase the total square footage of that DC building to nearly 1.1 million S.F.

Major Users Interested in South Moreno Valley Business Locations

Discussions and negotiations are underway that could possibly bring five new major corporate users to projects in the South Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The five projects total 4.6 million S.F. of building space and are anticipated to produce thousands of new jobs in the expanding logistics and distribution business sector.

Developers Workshop

A Developers Workshop was held on Thursday, May 10 at 2 pm in the Council Chambers. The Economic Development Subcommittee has been holding quarterly Developer Workshops to help facilitate communication with the development community on ways to advance Moreno Valley as a 'Best Place to do Business'.

Spotlight on Business

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the community's awareness of the many diverse businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses showcased at the April 10 City Council meeting were Eastern Municipal Water District and Café Gossip. The Spotlight businesses for the May 8 City Council meeting was Harkins Theatres and Aerotek.

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

- **Airy Massage Spa**—is a full service Swedish massage and aromatherapy spa facility that has opened at 22435 Alessandro Boulevard in Elsworth Plaza, which is situated at the SW corner of Alessandro and Elsworth.

- **California Basics**—is a new retailer that opened October 2011 at the Moreno Valley Mall. California Basics has 26 stores in California and as the name indicates—provides basic clothing for teens and women including shirts, pants, socks, under garments, lingerie and swim shorts.
- **Rising Stars Business Academy**—is a Youth Build Charter School of California facility that started up at Canyon Springs Plaza last fall. Rising Stars Business Academy has classes for approximately 190 students (ages 16 to 24) where students can work towards securing a High School Diploma, while also learning new job skills.

Building & Safety Division

Development Activity

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

- **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy**
 - Harbor Freight Tools-Distribution Center
- **Building Permit Issued-Under Construction**
 - First Inland Logistics Center-First Industrial Realty Trust
 - Nandina Distribution Center-IDS Real Estate Group
 - Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
 - Robertson's Ready Mix Concrete Plant
 - Morrison Fire Station
 - Hemlock Apartments-Rancho Belago Developers
 - Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties
 - Oasis Community Church
- **Tenant Improvements Underway**
 - Moss Volkswagen
 - Moss GMC/Buick
 - Moss Chevrolet
 - Family Dollar @ Moreno Valley Plaza
 - Dollar General
 - TJ Maxx/HomeGoods
 - Public Safety Building – Expansion of Traffic Division
 - Round One @ Moreno Valley Mall
- **Plan Check Underway for New Buildings**
 - Inland Empire Global Logistics Center-Panatonni Development
 - I-215 Logistics Center-Trammell Crow Co.
 - Alere Property Group

- Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II)-Palm Communities

- **Plan Check Underway for Tenant Improvements**

- Wizards Party House – Jump House Expansion
- Fitness 19 on Perris Blvd.
- Universal Strike Bowl
- Graham Car Wash

Recent Permit Issuance

The following are recent construction projects that started up in April:

- **New Building Construction** — Centerpointe Logistics Center and Oasis Community Church
- **Tenant Improvements**—TJ Maxx & HomeGoods Superstore, Dollar General and Round One Entertainment Center

Skechers USA

The City of Moreno Valley has issued a final Certificate of Occupancy for the Skechers USA facility at the Highland Fairview Corporate Park. Highland Fairview, Skechers and their development team worked with City staff to finalize a number of items necessary to finalize occupancy of the project.

iHerb Expansion Complete

iHerb has finished its expansion project and is now operating in its entire 360,440 S.F. building in South Moreno Valley. iHerb is now operating two shifts and employs over 400 people at the Moreno Valley facility, which includes iHerb’s distribution center operation and its corporate headquarters. iHerb through its expansive e-commerce business operation is also a major sales tax producer and finished calendar year 2011 as the #14 sales tax producer in Moreno Valley. Overall, Moreno Valley had three e-commerce business (iHerb, Serta and Resmed) ranked in the top 50 sales tax producers in 2011.

Code & Neighborhood Services Division

Neighborhood Clean-Up

On April 21, the Code and Neighborhood Services Division conducted a Neighborhood Clean-Up in the area of Day Street, Cottonwood Avenue, Edgemont Street, Bay Avenue and Brill Road in Council District 5. A total of eight free roll-off dumpsters were provided to residents for the disposal of debris, bulky items, furniture, miscellaneous refuse and landscape trimmings. The clean-up was successful and resulted in the collection of 18.63 tons of debris.

Another Neighborhood Clean-Up event was held on Saturday, May 19 from the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. within Council District 3. Dumpsters were provided to homeowners who reside on portions of Bay Avenue, Stevens Avenue, Williams Avenue and Merwin Street. All residents in the area were invited and encouraged to participate in this event.

Land Development Division

Development Activity

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

- **Grading Permits Issued**

- First Inland Logistics Center-First Industrial Realty Trust
- Nandina Distribution Center-IDS Real Estate Group
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
- Robertson’s Ready Mix Concrete Plant
- Morrison Fire Station
- Hemlock Family Apartments – Rancho Belago Developers
- Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties
- Oasis Community Church

- **Plan Check Underway for Grading Plans**

- Inland Empire Global Logistics Center-Panatonni Development
- I-215 Logistics Center – Trammell Crow Co.
- Alere Property Group
- Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II)-Palm Communities
- Vogel Development
- West Ridge Commerce Center

Project Update

The Land Development Division continues to monitor multiple construction and utility projects throughout the city. The following is a summary of the recent projects:

- The Trammel Crow project at the northwest corner of San Michele and Indian is pre-watering, with plans to start grading by mid May.
- The IDS project at the southwest corner of San Michele and Indian started constructing street improvements in late April.
- The Overton Moore Properties project at the northwest corner of Frederick and Cactus is working on installing a fire protection water line, rough plumbing and footings.

- Box Springs Mutual Water Co. completed pavement repairs on Alessandro and Old 215 Frontage Road in late April.
- Robertson's Ready Mix will soon start the construction of a waterline within Old 215 Frontage Road (plans recently approved by EMWD)
- SCE is completing a conduit and vault installation project in the vicinity of Kitching and Iris, with the pavement striping finished the end of April.

Proposed Update to the Moreno Master Drainage Plan

The City, along with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District are working on updating the Moreno Master Drainage Plan (MDP). The original drainage plan was adopted in 1991. Being more than 20 years old, it is necessary to revise the overall storm protection plan and corresponding storm flow calculations to reflect current development as well as future development as anticipated in the City's most current General Plan. The revised Moreno MDP includes a proposed storm water drainage system that will provide protection from 100-year storm events and help alleviate sources of flooding in that area. The Moreno MDP is located in the eastern area of the City, east of Lasselle Street. The effort to update this plan includes an evaluation of the proposed master storm drain facilities layout, recalculation of the storm flows utilizing the most current scientific rainfall data, review of the environmental impacts of the proposed system and recalculation of the overall system construction cost estimate.

Currently, the environmental review and analysis is being performed. There was a public scoping hearing on April 19, held at Moreno Valley City Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. It included a PowerPoint presentation by the Flood Control District consultant performing the Environmental Review. Staff from the Flood Control District and City was also available.

The current project schedule indicates final approval of the update at the end of the calendar year.

Proposed Street Closure of Kitching Street and Modular Way

The Walgreens warehouse project at Nandina Avenue and Perris Boulevard has obtained approval from the City Council for a two-phased road closure for the construction of certain public improvements. Phase 1 included portions of Modular Way along the project frontage. Phase 2 includes portions of Modular Way and Kitching Street along the project frontage. The entire duration of road closures will be five months or

approximately 150 calendar days. The request for the road closure was due to major improvement work including, but not limited to, removal of existing asphalt pavement, installation of asphalt paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, street lights, landscaping, storm drain culverts, and associated signing and striping. All of the work will be performed under the oversight of inspectors from the Land Development Division. It is anticipated that the road will be open to traffic by August 29, 2012. There are several industrial parcels in the area of construction. The road closure will affect the access to these parcels, and it will require a detour to the traveling public. City staff was advised by the developer that all potentially affected property owners have been notified of the work project.

All traffic control is being placed in accordance with the plans approved by the Transportation Engineering Division and City Traffic Engineer.

Drainage Plan Update

The contractor working on the First Industrial warehouse project at Nandina Avenue and Perris Boulevard received approval from the City for a full road closure of Nandina Avenue between Perris Boulevard and Knox Street to facilitate the construction of street improvements. Those improvements include removal of existing asphalt pavement, installation of asphalt paving, curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveway approaches, street lights, landscaping, storm drain, dry utilities, traffic signal modification and associated signing and striping. The closure has been in place since early October 2011. The contractor placed the base course of asphalt within Nandina in early February and anticipates re-opening the roadway to traffic by mid-May.

In addition to the closure of Nandina, the contractor is performing a significant amount of utility installation and relocation within Perris Boulevard. The construction within Perris Blvd. only requires lane closures, but will occasionally impact the normal flow of traffic. All traffic control is being placed in accordance with the plans approved by the Transportation Engineering Division and City Traffic Engineer. The most recent construction schedule indicates that all of the paving effort within Perris Blvd., will be completed by the end of May.

Neighborhood Preservation Division

ERC Remains Busy

The Employment Resource Center (ERC) remains busy—with 3,351 individuals using the ERC in the initial 3 months (January-March) of 2012. The following represents data collected for users of the ERC for 1st Quarter 2012:

- Race
- 49% African American/Black
 - 25% Hispanic/Latino
 - 16% White
 - 3% Asian/Other
 - 7% Chose Not to Answer

- Age
- 2% Under 19
 - 5% 19-21
 - 32% 22-32
 - 29% 33-44
 - 19% 45-54
 - 12% 55-64
 - 1% over 65

- Gender
- 48% Male
 - 52% Female

- Education Level
- 1% 10th Grade
 - 3% 11th Grade
 - 6% 12th Grade, but did not Graduate
 - 9% GED
 - 33% High School Diploma
 - 26% Some College, but No Degree
 - 12% Vocational or AA Degree
 - 6% Bachelor's Degree
 - 3% Master's Degree
 - 1% Doctorate Degree

- Current Work Status
- 6% Working Full-time
 - 10% Working Part-time
 - 84% Not Working

In total, the housing assets transferred to the MVHA included 9 parcels and several loans funded with affordable housing set-aside funds. Formal acknowledgement by the Oversight Board that these properties and loans were appropriately transferred to the MVHA will help resolve any potential cloud on title issues and improve the MVHA's ability to administer and manage these assets consistent with state law. This includes entering into new contracts, amending existing contracts, applying and using proceeds from the housing assets, and disposing of the housing assets.

On April 25, the Oversight Board also approved retaining Jon Goetz of Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard to provide legal counsel to the Oversight Board.

At its meeting of May 9, the Oversight Board considered the approval of the 2nd Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) for submission to the State Department of Finance, adoption of property disposition procedures and the inclusion of several agreements between the former RDA and the City on the ROPS.

NSP SFR-ARR Activity

In conjunction with the City's four Development Partners, the City of Moreno Valley has acquired a total of 43 single family properties through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) for the purposes of rehabilitating and reselling them to income-qualified households earning up to 120% of the Area Median Income. Since receiving the federal grant award, the City and its Development Partners have been extremely active acquiring properties and creating homeownership opportunities for families through NSP. Below is a summary of the NSP-Single Family Residential—Acquisition, Rehabilitation, and Resale Activity:

Total Properties Acquired:	43
Properties on the Market	4
Properties with an Accepted Offer/In Escrow	9
Properties Resold/Escrows Closed	30

Development Partners

On March 24, the City Council approved the Development Partners for participation in the NSP3 Program. The Development Partner selection includes:

Single-Family Residential:

- Mayans Development
- Riverside Housing Development Corporation (RHDC)
- Sheffield Homes

Oversight Board Update

On January 10, 2012, the City of Moreno Valley elected to serve as the Successor Agency to the RDA and approved a resolution providing that upon dissolution of the RDA, all housing assets and functions of the RDA with regard to the Low and Moderate Income Housing Program would be transferred to the Moreno Valley Housing Authority (MVHA) pursuant to the terms of Health and Safety Code Section 34176. Section 34176 specifically allowed the MVHA to retain the housing assets and functions previously performed by the RDA.

Additionally, on January 10, the MVHA adopted a resolution by which the MVHA assumed the RDA's housing assets, which includes all funds held in the RDA's Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, all rights, interest privileges, property (real, personal and intangible), including all loans and grants, all property such as land, buildings and dwelling units held by the RDA in connection with the production and preservation of low and moderate income housing.

Pursuant to ABX1 26 "The Dissolution Act" the City established an Oversight Board to review and approve the activities of the Successor Agency and effectively wind down the affairs of the former RDA. The Dissolution Act states that "the Oversight Board shall direct the Successor RDA to transfer housing responsibilities and all rights, powers, duties, and obligations along with any amounts on deposit in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund to the appropriate entity pursuant to Section 34176". At its meeting on April 25, 2012, the Oversight Board adopted two resolutions approving the designation of housing property and housing assets to the MVHA.

Multi-Family Residential:

- LaBarge Industries, Inc.
- Riverside Housing Development Corporation (RHDC)

The Development Partners were selected through a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process and recommended to City Council for approval by the selection committee. Mayans Development and Sheffield Homes are single-family residential Development Partners of the City’s NSP1 Program and have contributed to the success of the NSP1 Program. RHDC serves as one of the NSP1 Program’s multi-family residential Development Partners and has a long-standing relationship with the City of Moreno Valley; RHDC has partnered with the City for many years. RHDC currently manages various affordable housing projects within the City and will expand their participation in NSP3 Program serving in the capacity as both a single family and multi-family residential Development Partner. Through the NSP3 Program, LaBarge Industries will be establishing a new partnership with the City of Moreno Valley. LaBarge brings an extensive background in affordable housing and experience with other local NSP Programs.

The single family residential Development Partners will be responsible for acquiring bank-owned foreclosed and vacant properties for the purposes of rehabilitating and reselling them to income-eligible households earning up to 120% AMI, and the multi-family residential Development Partners will be responsible for acquiring, rehabilitating, renting, and managing bank-owned multi-family units that will serve income-eligible households earning up to 50% AMI.

The City will commence the NSP3 Program and begin expending the Program Income generated through the NSP1 Program in early May. As part of the NSP regulations, all revenue generated through the resale and/or rental of units may be reused to further NSP efforts. To date, the City has generated more than \$2.5 million of Program Income in the NSP1 Program through the resale of single-family residential properties to income-eligible homebuyers. The City will utilize the NSP1 selected Development Partners (ANR Industries, Mayans Development, Sheffield Homes, and VCD Corp.) to assist with the continued administration of the NSP1 Program.

Foreclosure Prevention Workshop on May 12

The City of Moreno Valley helped sponsor a Foreclosure Prevention Workshop held on Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the City’s Conference & Recreation Center. Eight lenders, along with a number of

foreclosure mitigation counselors who participated in the event.

Planning Division

Planning Commission

The meeting of the Planning Commission is held on May 10 included the following items:

- Plot Plan for an 8,320 S.F. commercial building at the SW corner of John F. Kennedy Drive and Perris Boulevard. An associated Tentative Parcel Map would subdivide a 6.84 acre property into 5 parcels, including the one-acre site for the commercial building. Family Dollar is the tenant for the building. The applicant is Winchester Associates.
- Conditional Use Permit to convert an existing structure to an auto repair facility at 22184 Alessandro Boulevard. An associated General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone would take the property from Office Commercial to Community Commercial to permit the auto repair facility. The applicant is Socrates Urena.
- Conditional Use Permit to add an arcade and other recreational uses to a previously approved bowling alley at 23750 Alessandro Boulevard. The expanded uses are related to the reopening of the bowling alley as Universal Strike.
- Municipal Code Amendment to revise provisions regarding menu board signs at drive-through restaurants. The applicant is the owner of the new Taco Bell on Alessandro Blvd.
- Review of the City’s Capital Improvement Program relative to its consistency with the General Plan. The consistency finding is required by State Law.

Administrative Approvals

The following was a recent administrative approval:

- Plot Plan to revise the parking lot and building façade for a vacant retail building at 13473 Perris Boulevard to accommodate a new tenant (Dollar General). The applicant is PM Design Group for Baycrest Companies.

Recent Case Submittals

Recent case submittals include:

- Plot Plan to add a kitchen and dining room to the existing Salvation Army facility at 14068 Graham Street.
- Plot Plan to renovate two existing apartment buildings on Myers Avenue in conjunction with the City’s Neighborhood Stabilization Program.
- New freeway signs for the TownGate Shopping Center.
- Plot Plan to add a large garage/workshop on Sea Biscuit Street.

- Plot Plan to allow vehicle storage in an existing industrial building on Day Street.
- Plot Plan for site plan and building façade changes to the City Hall Annex at the southwest corner of Frederick Street and Calle San Juan de los Lagos.
- Plot Plan to establish a cyber café in the Moreno Valley Plaza on Sunnymead Boulevard.

World Logistics Center

A Public Hearing was scheduled for May 22, for the City Council to consider the inclusion in the World Logistics Center Project applications of properties that are not owned by or participating with the project applicant, Highland Fairview Properties. 21 property owners are affected by this proposal due their ownership of properties within the proposed Project boundaries. Notices have been sent to all property owners that previously received the Notice of Preparation for the Project Environmental Impact Report, a much greater noticing than required by the Municipal Code. In addition, staff sent registered letters to the 21 directly affected property owners. After the Public Hearing, the City Council will have the option of including some or all of the non-participating properties in some, all or none of the Project applications. Inclusion of the properties in some or all of the applications will allow for a more consistent final Project proposal for City Council consideration after completion of all technical review and preparation of an environmental impact report for the Project.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million S.F. of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan includes nearly all of the property encompassed by the Moreno Valley Freeway, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Boulevard and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.

Western Realco – March Business Park

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Western Realco Project was distributed for public review on Thursday, April 26, 2012. The comment period for the Draft EIR started on April 30, 2012, and will end on June 13, 2012. The Draft EIR will be available to the public for viewing at the Planning counter at City Hall, at the City Library and posted on the City's website.

The proposed industrial-distribution complex is to be located at the southeast corner of Heacock Street and Iris Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The project includes four buildings, ranging in size from 16,732 to 1,103,003 S.F. with a total of 1,484,407 S.F. situated on 67 acres.

Vogel Industrial Project

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Vogel Project was distributed for public review on Thursday, April 19, 2012. The comment period for the Draft EIR started on April 20, 2012, and will end on June 4, 2012. The Draft EIR will be available to the public for viewing at the Planning counter at City Hall, at the City Library and posted on the City's website.

The Vogel industrial distribution project is a proposed 1,616,133 S.F. 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.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Animal Services Division

Visterra Credit Union Donates \$300 to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter

On April 16, 2012 Tanya Price with Visterra Credit Union presented a monetary donation to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter in the amount of \$300.00. This generous donation will be used by the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to increase the chances of unclaimed adoptable pets at finding a life-long loving home. Unaltered dogs and cats that are selected for adoption are required to be spayed or neutered before they can go home. These donation funds will be used to offset the cost to adopt a pet by having pets spayed or neutered and groomed prior to adoption. Pets selected by staff are those which pass a temperament test to ensure the pet is friendly with people as well as other pets. The Moreno Valley Animal Services wishes to thank Visterra Credit Union for their ongoing support of the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter and most importantly, the pets in the community.

Vista Del Lago AP Students Donate \$130 to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter

A group of four young and very talented students developed a marketing campaign to promote the adoption of shelter pets from the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. On April 18, 2012, group leader, Marina Curry, 18, presented the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter a monetary donation of \$130 to be used to help homeless pets find new homes. The group of four students,

Marina Curry, Patrina Meksavanh, Kevin Neibauer, and James Navongsak, who are enrolled in the AP Government class at Vista Del Lago High School, decided as a high school project to launch an initiative to benefit shelter animals. The four students, who share an interest in helping animals, agreed shelter animals are underrepresented in the community. Their project began by funding their expenses by holding bake sales consisting of lemon squares (the lemon squares are important as it ties in the group's website name). Once the students met their expenses the remaining proceeds of \$130.00 was donated to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter for the purpose of grooming stray adoptable pets, increasing their chances of adoption. The development of the student's website, www.lemonpuppy.tumblr.com advocates the adoption of shelter pets from the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter.

Helpful Honda Guys of Southern California Help Stimulate Pet Adoptions



On Saturday, April 21, 2012, the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter had some help from the Helpful Honda Guys of Southern California who donated a variety of pet supplies. The supplies

included leashes and collars that were distributed free to everyone adopting a new pet from the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter. Pets were highlighted under canopies as customers and residents entered the Animal Shelter parking lot. In an effort to stimulate adoptions, the Helpful Honda Guys were on site from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. assisting staff and customers pick out the right pet. At the end of the day, 21 pets found their new homes. The event was an overall success. Pictured are city staff, city volunteers and the Helpful Honda staff assisting customers.



Purchasing and Facilities Division

City Hall Parking Lot Repair and Restriping May 4 and May 11/12

The City strives to continuously maintain our City Hall facilities to ensure a pleasing and comfortable work place and to maximize the life of the assets. Toward this objective, the Purchasing & Facilities Division contracted to repair, reseal and restripe the entire City Hall parking lot. Over time, cracks form in concrete and asphalt and weather degrades the surface. By contracting this work now we will not be required to

fully tear out and place new asphalt. The parking lot now has a fresh new look and highly visible striping for all parking spots. This job took two weekends to complete the work to minimize Council and staff inconvenience as follows:

- Friday, May 4 – Repair particular degraded asphalt areas
- Friday, May 11 – Reseal entire parking lot
- Saturday, May 12 – Restripe the entire parking lot

FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, April 11, Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins announced the promotion of Mike Smith to Battalion Chief for the Moreno Valley Fire Department.



Chief Smith began his career in 1990 as a Firefighter I in the Riverside Unit for Riverside County Fire Department. He has served Riverside County Fire in a variety of roles including Firefighter II in the Cove Communities; Fire Captain in the cities of Indio and Moreno Valley; and Public Information

Officer for the Riverside Unit. He has also served as a Battalion Pre-Plan Coordinator, CAIRS Administrator, Volunteer Liaison, Fire Explorer Program Manager, and Bureau Manager for Riverside County Fire. Additionally, Chief Smith currently serves as the Public Information Officer for CAL Fire's Incident Command Team 10. Chief Smith's first day in Moreno Valley was Monday, April 16.

Significant Events

On April 20, Moreno Valley Fire Department units, along with the California Highway Patrol and the Moreno Valley Police Department, arrived on scene of a single vehicle traffic accident. The



vehicle was found off the highway, upside down at Perris Boulevard and State Highway 60. Engine 58 and Engine 2 personnel provided advance life support intervention to the driver who was in critical condition while Truck 2 personnel extricated the patient from the vehicle. Rapid extrication of the patient from the vehicle was paramount due to an active fuel leak at the rear of the vehicle, putting both the patient and firefighters at risk during the extrication process. Once the patient was safely removed from the vehicle, a fire department paramedic continued to administer care to her during

transport to the local area trauma receiving center. The outcome of the driver is unknown at this time.

On April 21 at 1745 hours, Engine 65 came across a two vehicle traffic collision at the intersection of Cactus Avenue and Heacock Street. After the incident was reported to the Perris Emergency Command Center, the on scene Fire Captain declared a mass casualty incident due to the number of people injured. The first patient was a 4-year old pediatric in critical condition. The child immediately received pediatric advance life support care from fire department paramedics. Fire department personnel continued to administer pediatric life support measures to the patient during transport to a local area trauma center. Two additional patients were also treated by fire department paramedics and transported by AMR to an area hospital. The outcome of all patients is unknown at this time.

On April 26, Engine 2 was dispatched to a report of a fall victim in their initial attack response area. Upon arrival, fire department personnel performed a quick assessment of an adult male patient who was sitting on the floor in acute distress and complaining of chest pain. Fire department paramedics immediately obtained a 12-lead ECG reading of the patient's heart rhythm, which confirmed an acute myocardial infraction was occurring. Advance life support care was initiated by the paramedics, and continued while en route directly to the local area heart attack receiving center, also known as a STEMI center.

This designation for a hospital means that a heart attack patient will receive treatment in 90 minutes or less upon arrival at the hospital utilizing the most comprehensive emergency and interventional care to treat their heart attack. This includes expedited patient processing into the cardiac catheterization lab and intensive care unit as well as access to a cardiac emergency call team. The patient's heart stopped beating multiple times during transport, requiring fire department paramedics to use the defibrillator and administer heart medications through an I.V. The teamwork between the two fire department paramedics was flawless which ensured the best possible care for the patient and a positive outcome.

Engine 58, Engine 91, Truck 91, and the Moreno Valley Police Department responded to a report of a traffic accident with several people trapped inside their vehicles on April 28 at Iris and Oliver. Upon arrival, fire department personnel located a sedan which had sustained moderate damage and a SUV that was overturned onto its side. A 25 year old female was trapped inside the sedan on the passenger side of the vehicle, a 21 year old male with moderate injuries had

self-extricated himself from the sedan, and a 59 year old female was trapped inside the SUV. Both female patients required extrication from their vehicles. All patients received advance life support care and were quickly transported to a local area trauma center after they were extricated from the vehicles. The outcome of all patients is unknown at this time.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau started their annual Hazard Reduction Program for the 2012 season on April 2. Informational letters were sent to over 1,800 parcel owners which provided them specific direction on how to properly clear their vacant parcels. Initial inspections began in the middle of April with re-inspections scheduled to follow in May and June. The goal of our annual Hazard Reduction Program is to ensure that all property owners clear their parcels to limit the threat of wildfire to our community. For more information about our program, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau.

In April, the Fire Prevention Bureau welcomed two new members to their team. Marcus Morris and Edgar Gonzalez accepted positions as Part-Time Fire Prevention Technicians. Both Marcus and Edgar will be working in our Hazard Reduction Program performing field inspections of all vacant parcels. They are also both serving the city as Reserve Firefighters for the Moreno Valley Fire Department. Welcome Marcus and Edgar!

Office of Emergency Management

On April 22, the Office of Emergency Management graduated 20 new members of the City of



Moreno Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The 21-hour training program included disaster fire suppression, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations and triage as well as cribbing and leveraging and damage assessment.

Tip a Firefighter Event at Chili's

On April 19, Moreno Valley Firefighters, in cooperation with the Stone Ridge Center Chili's, participated in the annual Tip a Firefighter event. This event helps raise money for the St. Jude Children's research hospital which has been internationally recognized for their pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with pediatric cancer and other life threatening diseases. During the event, members of Moreno Valley Fire Department and both Fire Explorer Posts served meals to

customers to assist with Chili's fund raising efforts. A portion of the proceeds was donated by Chili's to St. Jude's Research Hospital.

Fire Explorers

On April 21, the Moreno Valley Fire Explorers participated in a Goodwill Donation Drive at the Moreno Valley Mall. Nineteen Explorers attended and raised money to benefit both posts. They received donations of "gently used" clothing, appliances and furniture from citizens in Moreno Valley, completely filling a large Goodwill trailer! Donations were also obtained from people in the area who gave the Explorers left over items from their yard sales. In addition to the Goodwill drive, another \$485.00 was raised through "Fill the Boot" donations.



Proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of equipment and provide additional funding for the education and training of the Explorers.

Public Relation Events



186 children and 49 adults visited Fire Station 91 and 65 from April 19 through the 26. Fire Department personnel showed the children a 15 minute

video on fire safety, home exit drills, and 9-1-1 education as part of the "9-1-1 for Kids" Fire Prevention campaign. All of the children received a tour of the fire station which included a static display of the fire engines as well as a brief demonstration of the equipment that is carried on the engines. All three tours ended with a photo session of the children with the firefighters.

HUMAN RESOURCES & RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Labor Negotiations

This year's negotiation cycle is coming to a very positive close. A Tentative Agreement for a three-year Memorandum of Understanding has been reached with the Moreno Valley City Employees Association. This Agreement will be presented for approval by Association members as well as the City Council. Collaboration with the Moreno Valley Management Association has also been extremely productive, with consensus reached on language for a comprehensive three-year MOU to be presented for approval by MVMA members and the City Council following legal review.

Motivate Wellness

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

- **Auto Rental Discounts:** The City has established a relationship with Enterprise Rent-A-Car, which reduces rates for City business...and provides all City employees with savings, special recognition, service and speed. Access to this program now allows employees to rent vehicles at lower rates (comparable to State fleet rates) and Shop MoVal at two locations right in our City.
- **The MoVal Movers** have been introduced to the City workforce. This group of employees will participate in 12-week programs intended to motivate one another to improve their personal health and wellness through physical activity and healthy eating habits. An information session is scheduled for May 31, in preparation for the program's initial phase.

Talent Management

Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting/selection processes are in progress for the following openings:

- Senior Permit Technician (Building & Safety)
- Recreation Aide – 25 positions for Summer Camp
- Senior Parks Maintenance Technician
- Maintenance Worker I/II (Public Works)

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Park Projects

Quotes are being obtained for Conference and Recreation Center Ballroom Patio renovation. The concrete will replace the turf between the concrete squares on the ballroom's west patio.

Exterior painting of the TownGate Community Center is underway and should be complete in May.

Parks Maintenance Division

Projects completed include replaced slide at Bethune Park playground; removed barbeques from TownGate Park; preps Celebration Park water feature for summer; and removed sand and aerated all greens and tees.

Projects in progress include: repair and replant parking lot planter at Bethune Park; aerate sports fields and fertilize; relamp sports field lighting at various parks; tree trimming and removal at various park sites (80% complete); reseed turf areas from tree removals at

various park sites; top off playground fiber at Bethune, Pedrorena and Weston Parks; install new exterior doors on restroom buildings at JFK and Ridgecrest Parks; repair playgrounds at Patriot and Celebration Parks; weed all trails and parks; repair main line leaks golf course; repair mail box at golf course; trim trees in all parks; mulch all flower beds in all CFD #1 parks; put decomposed granite on all trails; work on CRC patio concrete; and place fiber at Patriot Park playground.

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas during April: Adrienne Mitchell (\$41), Aqueduct Bikeway (\$679), Bayside (\$91), Bethune (\$41) Community (\$601), El Potrero (\$108), Gateway (\$24), JFK (\$43), Morrison (\$82), Parque Amistad (\$111), Rancho Verde Trail (\$82), Sunnymead (\$834), Towngate (\$621), Victoriano (\$82), Westbluff (\$24), Weston (\$87), and Woodland (\$230). The total cost for vandalism/graffiti during April was \$3,781. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti were 82½ hours, approximately 10 full-time work days.

The mobile stage was used on April 8 for Calvary Chapel of Moreno Valley Easter Service.

Court referrals performed a total of 270 hours during April. The total hours for court referrals in 2012 are 1,479 which equates to approximately 185 full-time work days.

Recreation Division

Recreation and Sports

New enrollments in the Time for Tots program is expected to increase as spring progresses. All three sites are consistently full of children preparing for kindergarten. The registered participants enjoyed fun-filled, educational, and creative themed curriculum during the month of April. In addition to the curriculum, special activity days were held throughout the month including a field trip to the fire station, Around the World Day, the annual Spring Celebration, Arbor Day, and Lifetouch Spring/Graduation Picture days.

On April 17 the children took a walking field trip from TownGate Community Center to Fire Station #6 at TownGate. More than 90 children and 25 parents visited the station and had first-hand tours of the various trucks, equipment, kitchen, and sleeping quarters of the local firefighters. We thank Fire Station #6 for being such gracious hosts and answering the many (many) questions our children ages 3 to 5 years asked.

Staff continues to stay busy planning the end of the year Time for Tots activities. The regular school year will come to a close on May 31. The annual graduation

ceremony will be held at the Conference and Recreation Center on June 6 at 6:00 p.m. inside the Grand Valley Ballroom

The Time for Tots staff are also currently creating curriculum for the summer session beginning June 18.

Children's dance classes, including Dance Exploration, Ballet, Ballet/Acro, Hip-hop, Folkloric, and Hawaiian continue to fill with children who were eager to prepare for the Spring Contract Class Performance held on May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Conference and Recreation Center's Grand Valley Ballroom. With summer quickly approaching, recreation staff have been busy recruiting contract instructors for a variety of new classes and programs to begin in the summer sessions. New classes being introduced include Electric Guitar, CPR, Comic Book Creation, and soccer camp.

Sunshine Social's annual prom was held on May 9. This year's theme was the '80's and was held at the TownGate Community Center. Participants came dressed in their favorite 1980's attire and danced the night away to the music hits of that time period. A royal court was crowned and announced during the event. It was an exciting event.

Spring Valley Kids Camp concluded on April 6 for children in kindergarten through eighth grades. Local children from Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts enjoyed their break from school spending their days at camp playing exciting recreational games, watching movies, playing video games, and nurturing their creativity with arts and crafts. Registration numbers showed an increase from last year's Spring Camp, and staff look forward to Summer Valley Kids Camp beginning May 29.

Senior Community Center

On April 4 the Center held its Spring Bonnet Parade sponsored by Health Net. There were five contestants, who all received prizes.

The final day of free tax service by AARP was April 17.

The April Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on April 26 at 12 p.m. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, which provides a free meal and a box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donates a cake and ice cream.

A Mother's Day Tea was held on May 9.

Trips included day trips to Spotlight 29 Casino on April 5, April 11, and April 27 for \$25, which included \$25

back in free play; an overnight trip to Las Vegas on April 7-8 for \$55, which included two free buffets; and a day trip to Harrah's on April 29 for \$25, which included \$25 back in free play.

Library Services

The Moreno Valley Public Library's "Cover to Cover" reading program, generously sponsored by In-n-Out Burger, has concluded. Over 300 children enrolled in this year's program, with over 200 participants reading at least five books. Nearly 100 readers finished reading 10 books, and 53 children read 15 books during the program. Staff presented 353 award certificates to program participants, which translated to free hamburgers, cheeseburgers and cheese sandwiches given to these diligent readers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is an event which helps communities across the globe assist the lives of people who have battled cancer and are fighting the disease. It also is a time to remember those who lost their lives to this disease.

On April 14, 2012, the American Cancer Society held its 2012 Relay for Life event for the City of Moreno Valley at Valley View High School. The 24-hour event kicked off at 9:00 AM and ended the following morning. Officer Ted Morgan coordinated the efforts of the Moreno Valley Police Department's participation. The police department's team, Arresting Cancer, conducted various fundraisers and collected over \$2,500. The event brought in over \$56,000, which is expected to exceed over \$65,000 when matching funds are turned in from the Moss Bros. Auto Group in the City of Moreno Valley.

The City of Moreno Valley and the Moreno Valley Police Department wish to express a sincere thank you to all who helped make this event possible and contributed to the event.

Volunteers

The Moreno Valley Police Department is seeking interested applicants to become members of the Reserve and Volunteer forces. The Department is actively seeking interested persons who wish to serve and assist in the well-being of our community. In addition, the Moreno Valley Police Department will augment its services with a mounted posse. More information regarding the pose will follow next month.

Community Advisory Meeting

The next Community Advisory Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2012, at 6:00 PM, in the multi-purpose room in the police department. This meeting affords the community an opportunity to learn about and discuss the upcoming camera system.

Cases of the Week

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 8:48 PM, officers responded to a shooting in the 16300 block of Heather Glen Rd., in the City of Moreno Valley. Officers learned that four male victims were in an open garage of a residence when a vehicle, with multiple occupants, pulled up to their location. A male suspect exited the vehicle and approached the victims. Upon questioning if the victims were gang affiliated, the suspect produced a handgun and began shooting. The suspects left the area. One victim sustained two non-life threatening gunshot wounds and was in stable condition at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. An officer recognized the suspect's vehicle description from an earlier contact in the week.

The officer located the vehicle in front of a suspected gang hangout. The vehicle left the location and a pursuit ensued. The vehicle stopped at Windjammer Dr. and Sandcastle Ct., in the City of Moreno Valley. One male ran from the vehicle, but the remaining three males were detained. Further investigation identified two of the males, an adult and a juvenile, as being involved in the shooting, one as the shooter and the other as the driver. The third male, a juvenile, was identified as the driver in the pursuit. The three males were arrested. The adult was booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center and the juveniles were booked into the Riverside County Juvenile Hall.

An extensive search was done for the male who ran from the vehicle, using a Riverside County Sheriff's K-9. The male was not located, but he was identified as a person with several arrest warrants.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

Perris Boulevard (between Elder Avenue and the SR-60 Westbound Ramp)

This project will result in the construction of a right-turn lane by widening southbound Perris Boulevard from Elder Avenue to the westbound on-ramp of State Route 60. The project also includes modifications to the City traffic signal at Elder Avenue and the Caltrans traffic signal at the westbound on-ramp. Project benefits include reduced congestion around the westbound on-ramp due to the southbound turn lane addition and traffic

signal improvements as well as enhanced pedestrian mobility due to the reconstruction of the curb ramps. Currently the installation of curb and gutter along Perris Blvd between Elder Avenue and the SR-60 Westbound Ramp and traffic signal modifications are progressing. Following the completion of the work on the westbound ramp the removal of the existing curb and gutter and paving of the new southbound right-turn lane at the SR-60 will take place.

Heacock Street Bridge over Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "A"

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Heacock Street Bridge over Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "A" (PVSD) was held on Monday April 16, 2012. The existing bridge limits the width of the street to one lane in each direction. This creates a potential choke point for vehicle traffic travelling on Heacock Street. According to Caltrans, the existing bridge has been determined to be functionally obsolete because it does not meet current street and bridge design requirements. The Channel underneath the bridge is not capable of handling a 100-year storm and does not meet the City's General Plan Traffic Circulation Standard to accommodate increasing traffic. The City applied for and received federal funding to replace the bridge, thereby allowing the City to widen the span to two travel lanes in each direction. The new bridge will meet seismic design standards and consist of a four cell, reinforced concrete box culver over PVSD that will accommodate the 100-year storm flows upstream of the Heacock Channel. The bridge street section will transition back to the existing two-lane Heacock Street. The new four lane bridge section will be ready for future Heacock Street Improvements as development arrives and called for in the City's General Plan. Demolition of the old bridge commenced on April 17, 2012 and the jobsite is currently bustling with construction activity. It is anticipated that construction will continue until October 2012.

Auto Mall Improvement Project

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Auto Mall Improvement project was held on Thursday April 12, 2012. This is the second phase of a two-phase project. The freeway pylon sign was completed as Phase I in July of 2011. Phase II constructs improvements at the southeast corner of Moreno Beach Drive at Eucalyptus and also at the northeast corner of Moreno Beach Drive at Auto Mall Drive. Some of the specific work to be completed includes: replacement of two existing concrete monument entry signs with new multiple dealership entrance signs, 14-foot tall by 7 foot wide signs with backlit dealerships display; construction of pedestrian access-friendly sidewalks and driveways,

including curbs and ramps; construction of six raised automobile display pads; and enhanced landscaping, irrigation, and lighting to improve the overall attractiveness of the Auto Mall. Clearing and removals of the project site began on April 16, 2012 and construction is currently underway. It is anticipated that construction will continue until August 2012.

State Route 60/Nason Street Interchange Phase 1

The SR-60/Nason Street Interchange is almost complete. In April, the contractor turned on the two new traffic signals, one for the Nason Street/eastbound ramps intersection, and the other for the Nason Street/westbound ramps/Elder Avenue intersection. The pedestrian walkway on the west side of Nason Street was completed, providing a continuous walkway throughout the whole project. The contractor also re-striped the carpool lanes on the freeway, installed ramp meters, and completed seeding of open slopes. Remaining work consists of Caltrans inspection, minor items, guardrail installation, and adjustments to signal timing. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is being planned for late May or June. Phase 2, bridge replacement, will take place after completion of Phase 1, and is expected to start construction this fall.

Dracaea Avenue Improvements Project

The bid opening for Dracaea Avenue Improvements project, from Perris Boulevard to Patricia Street, was held on April 26, 2012. The lowest bidder is All American Asphalt with a bid amount of \$439,439. The engineer's estimate for this project is \$530,000. Staff requests that the City Council authorizes the award of construction contract to All American Asphalt at its meeting on May 8, 2012. This project will provide curb, gutter, sidewalk, pavement resurfacing, and other miscellaneous improvements for this section of Dracaea Avenue.

Moreno Valley Police Department Traffic Division Office Renovation

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

will be re-carpeted and re-painted as well. The Contractor has begun the demolition and removals and is anticipated to complete the work in early July 2012. Once the Contractor has completed the work, G/M Business Interiors, Inc. will move in furniture and install the wall systems. MVPD Traffic Division anticipates being fully functional in the renovated space by July 31, 2012.