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MORENO VALLEY CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tom DeSantis, City Manager



City Manager's Office

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Community Park Soccer Complex Grand Re-Opening Ceremony

Media & Communications in partnership with the Parks & Community Services celebrated the re-opening of the Community Park Soccer Complex. Hundreds of Moreno Valley residents attended this exciting event. The City's Communication Team designed marketing services, social media advertisements, and news releases to promote this \$2.6 Million community investment. Media provided graphics, live audio mixing, photography, and video coverage during the event. The Community Park Soccer Complex Grand Re-Opening Ceremony video is available on MVTV-3 and the City's YouTube Channel <u>here</u>.



MORENO VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Veterans Resource Center

The Mall Branch opened a Veterans Resource Center (VRC) on May 19th. The VRC is made possible by the California State Library (CSL) as part of the Veterans Connect @ the Library grant. The purpose of the VRC is to refer local Veterans and their families to Local Interagency Network Coordinators (LINC) for Veterans benefits and services. Library staff would like to thank Councilmember Cabrera and Councilmember Giba for attending this event. Library staff would also like to thank Ed Emanuel, Paws Assisting Wounded Warriors (PAWWS), Valley View High School Band, and Valley View High School Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) for supporting this event. To learn more about Veterans Resource Center Resource, please visit <u>calibrariesforveterans.org</u>.



Human Resources Department

RECRUITMENTS	
New Recruitments	19
Ongoing Recruitments	6
Closed Recruitments	14

EMPLOYEES

469 Total

NEW HIRE



Amanda Betten Code Compliance Officer I Community Development Department



PROMOTIONS



Angelic Davis Purchasing & Facilities Division Manager Purchasing & Facilities Department



Jolene Thierry Executive Assistant I Public Works Department



Richard Sandzimier Community Development Director Community Development Department



Steve Alvarado Code & Neighborhood Services Division Manager Community Development Department

Eric Escobar GIS Specialist City Manager's Office



Joseph Prieto Senior Parks Maintenance Technician Parks & Community Services Dept.



Roy De Herrera Lead Parks Maintenance Worker Parks & Community Services Dept.





Community Development Department

ANIMAL SERVICES

Amazon & NKMV Make Generous Donation to Animal Shelter

On May 16, the Amazon Fulfillment Center (ONT 6 – Moreno Valley), in partnership with the local non-profit organization NKMV, a 501(c)(3), once again helped the City's homeless pets at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter by donating a variety of pet products including food, treats and 114 boxes of high-quality cat litter that could not be resold by Amazon. Thanks to the efforts of Amazon's Ericka Hernandez-Aguirre and Robert Walker along with NKMV Treasurer Secretary Michael Geller for making this a win-win for our furry friends!

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

<u>Ride-Along Opportunities Resumed</u>

Building & Safety has begun a new effort to help educate the future generation of Building & Safety Inspectors by providing "Ride-Along" opportunities for aspiring individuals. Participants who pass the background check through Volunteer Services can ride with Moreno Valley's Building Inspectors and witness firsthand implementation of codes and state regulations on ongoing construction projects. This month marks the first "Ride-Along" activity in more than a decade, and with more opportunities scheduled in the near future.

BUILDING & SAFETY ACTIVITY	May 2018
Building Permits Issued	387
Construction Valuation	\$116,740,281
Inspections Performed	2,246

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	May 2018	May 2017
Cases Initiated	420	276
Closed Case Investigations	463	345

PLANNING

Planning Commission

At the May 24, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting, commissioners approved a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of pre-packaged alcoholic beverage sales at a previously approved convenience store at the northwest corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street. The store is part of a new concept developed under the Winchell's brand that will feature a full-service doughnut shop and convenience store.

PLANNING ACTIVITY	May 2018
Major/Minor Entitlement Applications	26
Closed Case Investigations	73

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Economic Development Department

U.S. Small Business Administration Honors City of Moreno Valley

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named the City of Moreno Valley the recipient of the 2018 Community Excellence Award, recognizing the City's Economic Development Department's passion for helping small businesses succeed at every stage of development, from start-up to expansion.

This is the first time the Small Business Administration has presented the Community Excellence Award.

"Small business owners have the creativity, the resourcefulness, and the courage to transform an idea into a livelihood. That entrepreneurial spirit is a crucial part of our economic success," said Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez. "But it takes so much more than an idea and persistence for small businesses to make it."



"We recognized that we as a City could help small businesses succeed

by ensuring owners had convenient access to vital resources and ongoing support," Mayor Gutierrez said. "Our creative and comprehensive approach is working. From barber shops to inventive food concepts - small businesses are thriving here in Moreno Valley."

The City of Moreno Valley was selected by an independent board of small business leaders for efforts to increase jobs, innovation and the quality of life in Moreno Valley through business attraction, business retention and local workforce development.

Key Statistics

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

EMPLOYMENT RATE	April 2018	HOME RESALE MARKET	April 2018	EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER	May 2018
Employment Rate	94.9%	Home Resale Value	\$327,407	Number of Persons Assisted	1,078
		Number of Resale Transactions	177	Number of Workshops	9
				Number of Hiring Events	6

Employment Resource Center (ERC)

The ERC is located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center and is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, residents and employers are encouraged to call 951.413.3920, email **erc@moval.org** or visit **moval.org**.

In the market for a new job? Join the Hire MoVal Job Seekers' List today

Economic Development Summary

Curious about new businesses coming to Moreno Valley? Be the first to know! Check out the monthly update of the <u>Economic Development Summary</u> to learn more about Moreno Valley's business location advantages on the dedicated Economic Development website: <u>morenovalleybusiness.com</u>.



Financial & Management Services Department

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Participating in the County of Riverside Mortgage Credit Certificate Program (MCC)

On May 1, 2018 the City Council approved a resolution to participate in the County of Riverside Mortgage Credit Certificate. The MCC program entitles qualified home buyers to reduce the federal income tax liability by the amount of the tax credit. The program also allows home buyers to qualify more easily for their primary mortgage loan. Lenders may factor in the tax credit when underwriting the loan application, which may allow the borrower to qualify for a larger loan amount, or improve the borrower's qualifying debt rations. For more information, please contact the County of Riverside Economic Development Agency at 951.955.8916 or visit **rivcoeda.org**.



Adoption of the Consolidated Plan for FY 2018/19-2022/23 and the Annual Action Plan for FY 2018/19

The City Council has adopted the Consolidated Plan for FY 2018/19-2022/23 and the Annual Action Plan for FY 2018/19.

The Consolidated Plan is a planning document that covers a fiveyear period between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2023 and establishes the City's strategies for addressing low and moderate-income needs of the community as defined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

The Annual Action Plan is the City's application for approximately \$3 million of Federal funds and identifies how the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs will be utilized to provide programs and projects that benefit low-and moderate-income households and neighborhoods in the City.

Financial Operations Statistics

The Financial Operations Team provides full accounting services including internal and external reporting and accounts payable. The summary below describes the year to date services through May 2018.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS ACTIVITY	YEAR-TO-DATE (FY 2018)
Number of EFTs - Accounts Payable	195
Number of Checks - Accounts Payable	237
Journals processed	243
Accounts Payable Volume	12,250,737.62

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ELECTRIC UTILITY DIVISION

City Hall Solar Carport Project

Moreno Valley Utility is pleased to announce the substantial completion of the City Hall Solar Carport Project. The Carport Project includes a power system and battery storage unit. This system will be directly connected to the utility's distribution system, helping the City and MVU meet renewable energy requirements. The final landscaping improvements throughout the parking lot will be completed by July 2018.

Moreno Valley Utility Mobile App

Moreno Valley Utility customers can now review their electricity usage, pay their bills and quickly apply for rebates on Energy Star appliances with the new MyMVU mobile app, and online customer portal. The free mobile app provides secure access to accounts, payment options, and electricity usage tracking. For more information, visit <u>mvumobile.</u> <u>com</u>.

Electric Utility Statistics

The Electric Utility Team continues to provide safe, reliable and economical public electric service to Moreno Valley residents. Below is an updated summary of the year-to-date services through May 2018.

YEAR-TO-DATE (Through May)	FY 17/18	FY 16/17	% change
Customers	6,421	6,191	4%
Sales (kWh)	170,001,448	164,208,229	4%

PURCHASING & FACILITIES DIVISION

Rainbow Ridge Remodeling Project

Facilities is proud to announce the completion of the Rainbow Ridge Remodeling Project. In cooperation with Parks & Community Services, Facilities identified and rejuvenated the areas of the modular trailer most in need of renovation. The custom transformation included demolition and installation of new acrylic counter-tops with backsplash, all new laminate cabinets with shelving systems and custom flooring.

Facilities Statistics

The Facilities Team continues to work hard at providing the City with outstanding internal customer service. Below is an updated work order summary for the month of May 2018.



Facilities Maintenance Stats



Fire Administration

FIRE OPERATIONS

Long Pine Drive Structure Fire

On Sunday, May 20, firefighters from the Moreno Valley Division responded to a reported structure fire at 23827 Lone Pine Drive in the Sunnymead Ranch Community of Moreno Valley (Council District 2). Sunnymead Ranch Engine 48 arrived on scene and found a two-story, single family residence without showing signs of fire. Upon further investigation, firefighters located a fire in the first-floor family room and heavy smoke and fire conditions to the second floor. A coordinated interior and exterior fire attack brought the fire under control in 20 minutes. Due to the extent of damage, the home was uninhabitable and the American Red Cross was requested to provide assistance for the residents that were displaced from the home. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

FIRE PREVENTION

FIRE PREVENTION STATS MAY 2018	
Total Plan Reviews Conducted	111
Total Construction Inspections	243
Annual Fire Inspections	95
Weed Abatement Inspections	250

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

<u>Time for Tots</u>

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) took an opportunity to read to the Time for Tots children before conducting an emergency evacuation drill at Towngate Community Center. The children enjoyed learning about what to do in the event of an emergency.

CPR & First Aid Training

OEM conducted Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) and First Aid training for Parks and Community Services (PCS) Staff in preparation of summer activities and events. PCS Recreation Aides hired to assist with summer camps were the primary focus for this valuable training. Parks and Community Services requires all staff to be CPR/AED and First Aid certified to ensure the safety of children under their care.



Police Department

<u>Illegal Marijuana Dispensary</u>

On May 30, 2018, officers assigned to the Moreno Valley Police Department Special Enforcement Team concluded a lengthy investigation into an illegal marijuana dispensary operating in the 24400 block of Sunnymead Boulevard in the City of Moreno Valley. Search warrants were executed at the location as well as a related residence in the 6500 block of Balzac Circle in the City of Riverside.

The dispensary was operated out of a recreational vehicle (RV) parked on a vacant commercial lot. The RV was seized in addition to six firearms, including an illegal assault-style weapon, as defined by the California Penal Code. Additional items of evidence were seized, to include more than \$80,000.00 in US currency and the following items of contraband:

- 1.4 pounds of cocaine
- 58 pounds of processed marijuana
- 9.2 pounds of concentrated cannabis
- 30 edible THC products

The estimated street value of the seized contraband is about \$456,696.00. All four suspects were positively identified and arrested. The suspects are facing state prosecution and the possibility of federal charges. Efforts to identify other suspects involved in this criminal enterprise are ongoing.

PATROL

Patrol Officers responded to 14,533 calls for service during the month of June.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

Mailbox Theft and Vandalism Prevention

The Moreno Valley Community Services Unit (CSU) and the City of Moreno Valley have teamed up with the Postal Inspectors to fight mail theft.

Moreno Valley officers, volunteers, and explorers conducted community outreach. Residents were asked to report theft, tampering, or destruction of mail or mailboxes to help reduce mailbox break-ins and vandalism.

Illegal Marijuana Cultivation

On May 28, 2018, officers assigned to the Moreno Valley Police Department, responded to the 25000 block of Maroon Creek Court in the City of Moreno Valley, in reference to a residential burglary.

Officers detained three subjects and a search of the residence was conducted. Officers found the residence was converted to a marijuana grow house operation with theft of electricity. The residence was secured and the Riverside County Sheriff Department's Special Investigation Bureau (SIB) and Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET) responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. MET dismantled the grow house and worked with So Cal Edison in reference to the electrical by-pass. Criminal charges will be filed on all identified suspects.





Public Works

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING DIVISION

City Receives Transportation Planning Grant

The City received a \$155,000 grant from the California Department of Transportation Sustainable Communities funding program to study Dracaea Avenue as a Neighborhood Greenway. A Neighborhood Greenway serves to enhance the walking and bicycling opportunities along the corridor and improve safety and mobility of nonmotorized users of all ages and abilities. Dracaea Avenue provides direct connection to thirteen schools, multi-use trails, four parks, multiple quality bus stops, and two major shopping centers. The City intends to gather public input with community workshops, which will be the driving factor in establishing the vision and goals for the Corridor Master Plan. The study will begin in late 2018.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS DIVISION

Pavement Overlay Project

In addition to routinely patching potholes, the Public Works Maintenance & Operations Division staff occasionally undertakes minor pavement overlay projects for small sections of severely distressed pavement. The team recently completed an in-house pavement overlay project on Redlands Blvd, south of the 60 Freeway overpass. In-house staff worked diligently to complete the 110-foot long section of road overlay in one day to minimize the impact on residents and local businesses. This street improvement project highlight's the flexible use of in-house staff talent to deliver low-cost and highly responsive street maintenance improvements that will benefit the 10,000 drivers that travel daily on this busy arterial street.



Parks and Community Services

RECREATION

<u>ArtFest</u>

On Saturday, June 2, hundreds of art lovers of all ages attended the City of Moreno Valley's inaugural MoVal ArtFest offered by the City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley Cultural Arts Foundation (MVCAF) and the Arts Commission. The event, held at Stoneridge Towne Center, featured over three dozen local artists and artisans, and a professional chalk art competition and juried art show offered by MVCAF.

Musicians from Vista Del Lago High School, Moreno Valley College Music Club, The Family Music Room and local jazz band Glacier Blue performed while residents perused the various art displays and took part in family friendly activities.

Time for Tots Graduation

After a successful round of assessment testing, the Time for Tots Program ended the school year with a May 31 graduation ceremony. This year's program included a commencement speech given by the Parks and Community Services Director, a song performance by this year's graduates, and a sentimental slideshow of the amazing year the students had in Time for Tots.

Valley Kids Camp

Staff are hard at work preparing for this year's Valley Youth Camp, which began on June 6 at March Field Park Community Center. Themes for this summer's camp include:

- Nickelodeon Campers will make their own slime and enjoy jellyfish hunting
- Sports Week Camp-wide field day
- · Carnival Week Campers enjoy the greatest camp under the "Big Top"
- Jurassic Park Week Campers get pre-historic

The excursions will begin on June 13 with the participants going to Moreno Valley Brunswick, Drop Zone and The Cove waterparks. Campers will also be provided with daily breakfast and lunch through Val Verde Unified School District.







