

July – September 2018

MORENO VALLEY CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

Tom DeSantis, City Manager



City Manager's Office

MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

State of the City 2018

The City Manager's Office coordinated another successful State of the City event. On August 22, Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez delivered the State of the City address to more than 350 community stakeholders. Mayor, Gutierrez highlighted how the City's efforts to attract and retain businesses are paying off, resulting in thousands of new jobs in our community. The Mayor's keynote address recognized the City's accomplishments, challenges, and plans for the future.

During the State of the City program this year's "Champion of Change" award was presented to local business owner Iddo Benzeevi for his efforts to shape Moreno Valley's bright future.

The 2018 State of the City video is available here: www.youtube.com





MVTV-3 Wins National Cable Television Awards

The City of Moreno Valley won four National Government Programming Awards presented by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA).

NATOA is the premier local government professional association that provides support, and actively analyzes or addresses emerging issues for many local, state, and federal communications laws, administrative rulings, judicial decisions, and technology that impacts the interests of municipalities. This organization recognizes excellence in government television programming throughout the United States. Moreno Valley competed against numerous cities, counties, and municipalities to win these coveted awards.

The City received awards for videos in the following categories, Community Awareness, Community Event Promotion, and Public Service Announcements.

Moreno Valley's award-winning videos are available here:

- <u>State of the City 2017</u>
- <u>Ride MoVal Public Service Announcement</u>
- Hire a MoVal Grad Commercial
- Mayor's Minute January 2018

City Wins National Graphic Design Award

The City of Moreno Valley received the Silver Circle SAVVY Award for achievement in Graphic Design by the City and County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA). 3CMA is the nation's preeminent government communications and marketing association. The mission of 3CMA is to Connect local government innovators to achieve the highest ideals of public service through the power of communications and marketing.

The award was presented to Moreno Valley for artwork designed for the 2017 State of the City address. These award-winning graphics can be seen throughout Moreno Valley's <u>2017 State of the City video</u>.

For more information about the City's Graphic Design Team or the Media and Communication Division, please visit <u>www.moval.org/media</u>.





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MAIN LIBRARY

Lunch at the Library

Hundreds of Moreno Valley children were able to eat lunch and learn throughout the summer as part of the Lunch at the Library program. The Lunch at the Library program provided free and healthy summer lunches to children with the goal of preventing hunger, obesity, and summer learning loss. The California Library Association (CLA) recently provided the Main Library with \$1,000 to support summer library programs hosted during Lunch at the Library meal service. Lunch at the Library is made possible through partnership with the California State Library (CLA), Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Summer Reading Program

More than 1,600 residents participated in the Moreno Valley Public Library's Summer Reading Program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere." Library patrons who read five or more books over the six-week program earned prizes. Local businesses Applebee's, BJ's, Chili's, Hometown Buffet, In-N-Out, Islands, Mimi's Café, Polly's Pies, Portillo's, Round Table Pizza, and Sbarro Pizza generously donated prizes.

Artists, dancers, and musicians participated in various Summer Reading Program events. Friends of the Moreno Valley Public Library and Moreno Valley Unified School District helped to make this amazing program possible.

ResCare Partnership

The Main Library has partnered with the Moreno Valley Youth Opportunity Center to offer career development workshops and work experience opportunities. The workshops were designed with input from library patrons and will include resume development, job search assistance and guidance on obtaining a GED.







MALL BRANCH

Artist Gallery

More than 100 mall library patrons attended an Artist Gallery featuring the work of local artists. Abstract, landscape, and still life drawings and paintings as well as photography and watercolors were on display. Community artwork will be displayed at the Mall Branch Library on an ongoing basis.

Mini Comic Con

The Mall Branch hosted a Mini Comic Con in July. Focusing on the themes Video Games, Star Wars and Comic Books Library patrons with the best cosplay during Mini Comic Con events were awarded prizes. This event was made possible through support from the Friends of the Moreno Valley Public Library.

Monster Menagerie

The Monster Menagerie Puppet Show will be held at the Mall Branch Library on October 26 at 4 p.m. The main character of this Swazzle production is a mad scientist that devises a plan to "build a bestie" for trick-or-treating. The scientist sets out on a journey to find the body parts needed to create a Halloween buddy, a jack-o'lantern, a mummy, and a witch. Bring the whole family for some Halloween-themed fun!





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Human Resources Department

RECRUITMENTS	
New Recruitments	34
Ongoing Recruitments	25
Closed Recruitments	38

EMPLOYEES

451 Total

NEW HIRES



Andrew Murillo Parks Maintenance Worker Parks & Community Services Department



Erica Green Parks & Community Services Deputy Director Parks & Community Services Department



Gary Coppers Parks Maintenance Worker Parks & Community Services Department



Jacquelyn Lankhorst Permit Technician Fire Department

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Jeremy Beaver Parks Maintenance Worker Parks & Community Services Department



Joseph Baker Recreation Program Leader Parks & Community Services Department



Joseph Eisinger GIS Technician City Manager's Office



Kevin Teagarden Management Assistant Public Works Department



Khrystyne Villalobos Animal Care Technician Community Development Department



Mauricio Saavedra Traffic Signal Technician Public Works Department



Melissa Elizondo Accounts Payable Supervisor Financial & Management Services Department

PROMOTIONS



Brandon Miranda Traffic Signing & Marking Technician II Public Works Department



Sandra Ramirez Senior Office Assistant Community Development Department



Caleb Hargis Community Services Coordinator Parks & Community Services Department



Terry Klauminzer Senior Traffic Technician Public Works Department



Danae Scott Senior Permit Technician Community Development Department



Nestor Machado Recreation Program Leader Parks & Community Services Department



Community Development Department

ANIMAL SERVICES

Animal Control Officer Wrestles Giant Reptile

Animal Control Officer Mike Motta had his hands full after capturing a monitor lizard that was running amuck in Moreno Valley. The giant reptile was transferred safely to a wildlife rescue.

Results of July Pet Adoption Events

Sixty-nine pets were adopted and another 56 pets were placed with rescue groups as a result of Whisker Wednesdays and the annual Freedom Days pet adoption events.

Results of August Pet Adoption Events

• A pet was adopted every 10 minutes at the annual "Clear the Shelters" event on August 18. More than 400 potential pet owners attended the event, making it the busiest day of the year at the Animal Shelter. Twenty-five dogs and 11 cats were adopted in just six hours!

• A total of 137 cats and kittens were adopted during the Animal Shelter's first annual **"Feline Adoption Frenzy." Fourteen kittens** were placed with foster families.

U.S. Postal Carriers of Moreno Valley Receive Valuable Training

On June 7, Animal Control Officer Ashleigh Renz conducted a bite prevention training class for our local USPS mail carriers that serve Moreno Valley. This training is consistent with the City's strategic plan to reduce the incidence of dog bites within the City.



BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

Deckers Expansion Complete

A Certificate of Occupancy was issued for Deckers' recently completed 736,497 square foot expansion.

Local Restaurant Re-opens

The Certificate of Occupancy was issued for Woody's Restaurant and Craft Brewery allowing it to open for business in the former P.H. Wood's location at Frederick Street and Alessandro Boulevard. Woody's offers a diverse lunch and dinner menu as well as a weekday lunch buffet and live music.

New Multifamily Construction Commences

Construction is underway on both the 125-unit Continental Village (Lasselle/Iris) and 266-unit Oak Park (Box Springs area, north of 60 freeway) apartment complexes. Both developments will include a clubhouse, barbeque areas and detached garages.

BUILDING & SAFETY ACTIVITY	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Building Permits Issued	404	440	539
Construction Valuation	\$101,705,150	\$51,454,267	\$103,392,764
Inspections Performed	2,157	2,240	2,436

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	June 2018	June 2017	July 2018	July 2017	August 2018	August 2017
Cases Initiated	364	529	460	405	444	390
Closed Case Investigations	372	293	434	335	409	445

PLANNING

City Council

On June 19, the City Council approved a development for a new 417 unit apartment project on approximately 22 acres of the former Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Course driving range. A key commitment by the Bridge Investment Group in securing the approval is the restoration of the golf course and reestablishment of golf operations for the eighteen (18) holes of the former Moreno Valley Ranch Golf prior to issuance of building permits for the project. In addition, this early development phasing will include conversion of the remaining nine (9) golf course holes (formerly known as the "lake nine") into a private exercise area intended for use by local residents

Planning Commission

• Reviewed and recommended approval to the City Council of the key entitlement applications that will allow for an automobile service station, donut shop, convenience store, and car wash at the northeast corner of Perris Boulevard and Cottonwood Avenue. The project is a new concept store under the Winchell's brand. The project can serve as a catalyst for additional economic investment in this area of the City.

• Recommended that the City Council approve a Zone Change and Plot Plan to allow development of a 262,000 square foot warehouse building on a 15.3 acre site at the northwest corner of Heacock Street and Brodiaea Avenue.

PLANNING ACTIVITY	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Major/Minor Entitlement Applications	12	23	15
Plan Check Submittals	49	71	85

Economic Development Department

Career Assessment Software Available at the ERC

The Employment Resource Center now offers Career Assessment Software through Focus 2 Career. The assessment guides job seekers through a reliable, intuitive career and education decision making model to assist in choosing a major, explore occupations and make informed career decisions.

Job seekers are encouraged to take a career assessment upon their first ERC visit. ERC staff can then guide the job seeker to other resources available at the ERC including resume building, interview preparedness, hiring events, or access to educational partners.

Benefits of Career Assessment:

- Learn what job best suits you based on your personality, skills, and values
- Understand how your skills match job requirements in in-demand fields

Visit the ERC today to receive a FREE customized Career Assessment Report to learn how you can reach your academic or professional goals!

No Appointment Necessary!

For more information, please visit the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3 or call (951) 413-3920.

Moreno Valley Celebrates Opening of Pottery Barn Warehouse and West Elm Outlets

As part of the City's proactive economic development efforts, two new Williams Sonoma Outlets have been added to the exciting list of shopping choices in Moreno Valley. Pottery Barn Warehouse Outlet, located at 27550 Eucalyptus Avenue in Moreno Beach Plaza next to LA Fitness, prides itself on designing furniture and décor in a range of aesthetics and sizes. Their vast array of vibrant and unique pieces are perfect additions to create a space for any lifestyle. Pottery Barn celebrated their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on June 28.

The new West Elm Outlet, located at 27300 Eucalyptus Avenue, celebrated their Grand Opening on July 12. Located in Stoneridge Towne Centre, West Elm Outlet takes great pride in focusing on the intersection of modern design, affordability, and community. Both outlet stores offer indoor and outdoor furniture and accessories at discounted prices. Shoppers are sure to find a selection of innovative and high-quality items for any occasion.

Moreno Valley Welcomes New Eateries

As part of the City's proactive economic development efforts, the Economic Development Department is excited to announce two new restaurants Mountain Mike's Pizza and Woody's Brewhouse.

Located at 25970 Iris Avenue in the Lakeside Plaza Shopping Center, Mountain Mike's Pizza brings their casual, family-oriented restaurant to our community. Mountain Mike's Pizza prides themselves on their commitment to using only the freshest and finest ingredients available, including whole milk mozzarella and dough prepared inhouse daily.

Woody's Brewhouse, located at 23060 Alessandro Boulevard in the former PH Woods property, offers a casually elegant environment, gourmet cuisine and live music. With their very own microbrewery on site, Woody's experienced Brewmaster will create cutting edge brews right here in Moreno Valley.



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	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018
Employment Rate	96%	95%	95%
HOME RESALE MARKET	May 2018	June 2018	July 2018
Home Resale Value	\$329,534	\$334,754	\$333,500
Number of Resale Transactions	206	207	196
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EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER	June 2018	July 2018	August 2018
Number of Persons Assisted	978	1,068	1,276
Number of Workshops	8	6	7
Number of Hiring Events	10	14	15
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Financial & Management Services Department

MyMoval Summit

Hundreds of Moreno Valley residents and community organizations attended the MyMoVal's open house in July. The event highlighted volunteer opportunities in our community and provided residents with information on how they can participate in programs that benefit the community.



FINANCIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Housing and Urban Development Grants

A total of \$2 million of Housing and Urban Development grants were awarded to fund more than 25 non-project and special projects throughout Moreno Valley, including \$750,000 for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements to the Main Library and other City facilities. For a complete list of grant recipients, visit <u>www.moval.org</u>.

<u>Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award received for the Comprehensive Annual</u> <u>Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2016/17</u>

The CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2017 received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This financial publication presents the results of the City's operations and financial position as of June 30, 2017. These financial statements have received an "unqualified" opinion from an independent auditor, indicating their accuracy and compliance with all applicable reporting requirements. This marks the 20th consecutive time the City has earned this award. This financial report is available on our website <u>www.moval.org</u>.

Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award

The City of Moreno Valley has been awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for its popular annual financial report (PAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City has earned this distinction every year since it began publishing the PAFR in in 2014. This report is available on our website <u>www.moval.org</u>.



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FINANCIAL RESOURCES DIVISION

Distinguished Budget Award

The City of Moreno Valley has been awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) the Distinguished Budget Award. This is the highest budget award any City can receive and it is the first time the City has received this award since 1990. The spending plans approved by this City Council continue to reflect the highest caliber of policies, financial and strategic plans, and a clearly communicated budget — earning the City this prestigious award.



Cannabis Tax Measure

The Moreno Valley City Council approved a ballot measure for the November 6 general election asking residents to tax commercial cannabis sales and production in the City. If approved by voters, the measure would generate an estimated \$2.2 million annually to provide vital public safety and quality of life services.

Thousands of Moreno Valley residents participated in a recent survey, which indicated that more than two-thirds of Moreno Valley residents believe the City needs additional locally controlled funding to protect and maintain key city services. The community survey results show that Moreno Valley residents support key City services, including:

- Maintaining 9-1-1 emergency response times
- · Maintaining robbery and burglary suppression programs
- Maintaining safe and clean public areas
- Repairing potholes, local streets, and roads
- Enhancing recreation and youth programs and facilities

The Local Moreno Valley Commercial Cannabis Activity Tax Measure would authorize a tax of up to 8 percent on total sales of commercial cannabis, and a maximum of \$15 per square foot of growing space for cannabis cultivation operators. The tax would not impact any resident or business outside of the commercial cannabis industry.

The Local Moreno Valley Commercial Cannabis Activity Tax Measure will appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot.



<u>Achievement of Excellence in Procurement® (AEP) for 2018 from the National Procurement Institute, Inc. (NPI)</u> The City of Moreno Valley has been awarded the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, a prestigious honor which recognizes organizational excellence in procurement. The City is just one of 200 agencies across the United States and Canada to earn the distinction.

Public and non-profit organizations earn the award by excelling in professionalism, innovation, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes within the procurement organization. Counties, cities, school districts, states, special districts, and universities are eligible to earn the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award.

Animal Shelter K-9 Run Patio

The Animal Shelter K-9 run patio addition provides a cool and shaded space for the pets to play with staff, as well as an area for potential pet owners to meet the animals.



Before





After

Public Safety Building LED Retrofit

More than 200 light fixtures at the Public Safety Building have been retrofitted from florescent lamps to LED fixtures. The new LED fixtures are energy efficient, environmentally friendly and a cost-saving upgrade.

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 August 2018.

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE STATS	August 2018
Total Open Work Orders	297
Open Non-Reoccuring Work Orders	187
Open Reoccuring Work Orders	110
New Work Orders in the Month	242
Completed Work Orders in the Month	178

TREASURY OPERATIONS DIVISION

Financing for the Purchase and Retrofit of the streetlights

In July the City completed the financing that provided \$8.1 million to purchase more than 9,400 streetlights from Southern California Edison and to retrofit 11,145 streetlights citywide to LED in order to provide street lighting in a cost-efficient and energy-efficient manner.



Fire Department

FIRE OPERATIONS

Sky Trails Mobile Home Park Fire

On June 22, the Fire Department responded to the Sky Trails Mobile Home Park for multiple reports of a structure fire. Engine 65 was the first arriving resource and reported an RV well involved in fire with immediate exposures threatened. Additional resources were requested to assist the initial alarm assignment for containment. Crews battling this incident were challenged with overcoming poor water supplies, extreme temperatures and multiple manufactured structures that were burning. Assistance was provided by Riverside County Fire and Cooperative Partners along with Moreno Valley's Emergency Response Force Volunteers. All assigned resources and personnel were able to quickly contained these fires and minimize additional damages to neighboring residences.



Campbell Fire

On July 6, the Fire Department rescued three dogs, treating one of the animals for smoke inhalation, from a residential fire. The blaze had already engulfed several vehicles and was threatening other property.

The first arriving Engine Company was met by a tenant who stated their dogs were still in the home, unaccounted for. An interior fire attack was initiated. While searching, firefighters were challenged by extreme fire and heavy smoke conditions. Two dogs were located and rescued from the home and a third dog was located in the rear yard. One of the dogs rescued from the fire environment required emergency treatment for smoke inhalation. Firefighter Paramedics provided oxygen and airway support until Moreno Valley Animal Control arrived and transported the dog to an emergency care facility. The fire was quickly contained to the garage, vehicles and a small part of the home. No injuries were reported.





FIRE PREVENTION

FIRE PREVENTION STATS	June 2018	August 2018
Total Plan Reviews Conducted	68	95
Total Construction Inspections	223	225
Annual Fire Inspections	88	207
Weed Abatement Inspections	1	0



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ERF Response

In response to the Cranston Fire in Idyllwild, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) activated their Emergency Response Force (ERF) team to support feeding operations at the Banning Shelter. The Salvation Army Moreno Valley Corp was tasked with assistance in feeding the evacuees and requested additional volunteer support. OEM ERF volunteers assisted the Salvation Army Moreno Valley Corp from Saturday, July 28 through Monday, July 30.

CPR Class

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) conducted a CPR class for the staff of the City's Child Care Program and Library on August 28. The CPR class provided staff with thorough knowledge of adult, child, and infant CPR. OEM's course provided staff with a hands-on experience in life saving techniques.

LISTOS

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) held its Spanish-language, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Training Course. The Spanish CERT Program, referred to as LISTOS, provides the same course content as the English version focusing on disaster preparedness, basic disaster response skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Community members learned how to prepare for emergencies to ensure protection and safety for their families. The goal in implementing the City's Spanish CERT Program is to reach a large portion of our City's population and community members.





Police Department

245 P.C. / Pursuit / K-9 Apprehension

On Tuesday, July 31, Moreno Valley Police Officers responded to an assault with a deadly weapon.

The victim initially confronted several suspects attempting to steal his vehicle in front of his residence, located on the 14000 block of Annadale St., Moreno Valley. The suspects fled the scene in a stolen vehicle, while the victim followed in his. The suspects drove on several residential and city streets throughout Moreno Valley and the 60 freeway, firing multiple rounds at the victim.

Police responded and the suspects led officers in a pursuit. The suspects abandoned the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot. Suspect #1 was apprehended by K-9 and suspect #2 & 3 were apprehended without incident. A shotgun was located in the suspect's vehicle. No members of our community were injured as a result of this incident.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

Explorer Academy

On July 27, the Moreno Valley Police Explorers graduated from the 21st Riverside County Sheriff's Department Explorer Academy.

During this six-day training event, explorers were required to live at the academy and endure a "boot camp" style environment. Explorers participate in team building exercises, character development courses, drill and ceremony instruction, general law enforcement training and physical fitness activities.

Special recognition went to Moreno Valley Explorer Corporal Hannah Gouvion whose essay on how the Explorer program has impacted her life was selected out of nearly 100 entries to be read at the academy graduation.

National Night Out

Hundreds of Moreno Valley residents braved triple-digit temperatures to celebrate National Night Out and the great relationship our Police Department has with our community.

National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes neighborhood camaraderie and strengthens the connection our Police Department has with the people it serves. Reinforcing our sense of community brings neighbors closer together and makes our neighborhoods even safer.

National Night Out included games, prizes, amazing food, and fun for the whole family!





PATROL

Patrol Officers responded to 13,988 calls for service during the month of September.



Public Works Department

CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION

Pavement Preservation and Rehabilitation Projects

Two important pavement preservation and rehabilitation projects have begun, with completion expected by Fall 2018: The "Pavement Preservation Project" and the "Pavement Rehabilitation Project," which includes four key arterial street segments. The construction contract began August 1, 2018 and is anticipated to be completed this Fall. The arterial street segments include:

- Westbound Cactus Avenue, Graham Street to Heacock Street
- Kitching Street, Iris Avenue to Krameria Avenue
- Alessandro Boulevard, Elsworth Avenue to Frederick Street
- Eucalyptus Avenue, Perris Boulevard to Lasselle Street

The project is funded by SB1 Gas Tax and General Reserve funds.



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS DIVISION

A vital part of the City's ongoing efforts to "Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful" is the Public Works Department's proactive "Weekend Weed and Litter Abatement Program." The program provides weed and litter removal services on major thoroughfares and along non-landscaped parkways throughout the City, and offers a great opportunity to collaborate with local agencies to utilize alternative no-cost resources.

The program relies heavily upon community service worker participants associated with the County of Riverside's alternative sentencing program. Last year, program participants dedicated 31,480 man-hours and cleaned 105 linear miles of right-of-way, as well as removed 476 dump truck loads of litter and dry vegetation. During the weekend of July 7-8, 2018, the program focused on the right-of-way areas along Kitching Street, Sunnymead Boulevard, Perris Boulevard, and San Michele Road.

Asphalt Repairs

The Public Works Maintenance & Operations team recently completed in-house asphalt repairs on Moreno Beach Drive, north of the 60 Freeway overpass. The work included asphalt "skin patching" and crack sealing. These asphalt repair methods complement the more commonly utilized and familiar pothole patch repair, which is utilized to repair approximately 5,000 potholes annually. Staff worked diligently to complete the roadway repairs in just two days to minimize the impact on residents and local businesses.



Graffiti Removal

As part of the City's ongoing efforts to "Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful," the Public Works Department responds to requests for graffiti removal through the City's Graffiti Hotline and other means of reporting, to include online resources.

Last year, Maintenance & Operation's graffiti crews removed 7,884 graffiti tags throughout the City because of the community's utilization of the available graffiti reporting resources. When reported and removed quickly, graffiti has a lower chance of reoccurrence.

The City relies on help from our residents and businesses to be our eyes in the community.

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Keep MoVal Beautiful at Community Day of Service Event

In an ongoing effort to "Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful", our Maintenance & Operations team coordinated a variety of exciting improvement projects for MoVal residents during our annual Community Day of Service on September 29, 2018.

Volunteers worked together to help restore trails, clear weeds and litter, paint kiosks, and plant trees during this year's event:

- Moreno Valley Equestrian Park and Nature Center and Hound Town Dog Park, located at 11150 Redlands Boulevard
- Rancho Verde Equestrian Staging Area and Trails, located at the intersection of Kentucky Derby Drive and Lasselle Street (limited activities available at this site).







SPECIAL DISTRICTS DIVISION

Special District Funds Support Parks and Fire Prevention

The Special Districts Division recently completed its annual process to collect almost \$15 million dollars in voterapproved fees through the annual property tax bill process. This funding is crucial to the successful management and delivery of several City services, including Parks & Community Services programs, neighborhood streetlights operation, maintenance of public landscaping, and more.

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING DIVISION

Additional Parking and Improved Traffic Flow at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall

The City has made it easier than ever before to shop at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall, increasing the amount of available parking spots and reconfiguring the primary roadway that surrounds the complex to help traffic flow.

Transportation Signing and Striping Maintenance Crews reconfigured Motor Way – the primary roadway that surrounds the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. Reconfiguration efforts included the removal of the existing two-way left-turn lane and instead, replaced it with double yellow centerline striping, which increased the width of the travel lanes. The restriping allowed for the removal of "No Parking" signs that were posted around portions of the auto mall. Removal of the "No Parking" signs will now increase the amount of available parking.

This work will make it possible to accommodate the needs of our auto dealerships and other auto mall business partners, and will allow for convenient and safe patronage of the goods and services available at the City's auto mall complex.



Parks & Community Services Department

July 4th Parade and Family FunFest

Thousands of Moreno Valley residents came together to celebrate the Fourth of July at the City's parade and Family FunFest. Record-setting crowds lined Frederick Street to cheer on 95 entries including a variety of musicians, community groups, floats, Mayor, members of the City Council and other local dignitaries as they made their way down the parade route. Live music by the "The Trinity Tour" (Classic Rock), "The Band Fresh" (Latin/Top 40) and "The Replicas" (Variety Hits) provided the entertainment at Family FunFest while attendees browsed the dozens of vendor and food offerings. Carnival games, bungee jumping, a rock wall and a giant 20-foot tall slide provided fun for the whole family until the Fireworks Spectacular lit up the sky with an impressive fireworks display. Radio Station KOLA 99.9 played patriotic music synched to the fireworks show.

Pee Wee Junior Basketball Clinic

The City recently began the Pee Wee Junior Basketball Clinic. This program develops participants' basketball skills while learning the fundamentals of the game through multiple stations. These stations focus on developing a different skill such as shooting, passing, ball-handling, and defense, all taught in a fun fast-paced manner.

Senior Community Center

Improvements to the Senior Community Center have begun. New flooring throughout the facility will bring a modern look and will more effectively accommodate those using walkers or wheelchairs. Painting of the facility will cover walls, ceilings, and acoustic panels. New senior-friendly seating will provide a comfortable area for seniors to relax.

Valley Kids Camp

Summer came to a close at Valley Kids Camp. Campers scaled to new heights with University of California-Riverside's Rock Wall, discovered the Dinosaurs of Pangea at Discovery Cube OC and attended a field trip to Wet 'N Wild water park. The year ended with a talent show that showcased the acting, singing, and dancing skills of the campers and staff.







City Clerk's Office



2018 November Election

Election season is in full swing! The Nomination Period for candidates to pull papers to run for office was Monday, July 16 and concluded Friday August 10, 2018.

The City hosted a Candidate's Forum in September to provide information to all interested, qualified candidates about the community and the City organization.



MAPPED: Mayor's Apprenticeship Program Promoting Employment Development

On June 5, the City Council approved Joint Resolution 2018-50 establishing the MAPPED program. It is a collaborative program with Moreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) to provide internship opportunities for Moreno Valley's at-risk student population. The program will serve a minimum of 20 MVUSD juniors and seniors with mild to moderate special needs. Students may also be English learners and those in families with economic challenges.

The program is 12-weeks in the Fall and Spring semesters. The Fall session runs September 18- December 6 with a week off during the Thanksgiving break (November 19- 23). Students will work 4 hours a week (T/TH, 2 hours per day) and will receive a stipend up to \$500 at the completion of the session.

Mayor's Apprenticeship Program **Mapor's Apprenticeship Program Promoting Employment Development**

Summer at City Hall

The collaborative project with Val Verde Unified School District (VVUSD) is a leadership development and civic engagement program for students during the summer break. In addition to the academic aspect of the program, the City also develops work experience by providing internships twice per week.

With 18 participants from Rancho Verde High School, this was the largest class since its launch 3 years ago. As with any new program, improvements and additional efficiencies are made with each successive year.

This year, Val Verde Unified School District provided a bus for three offsite field trips enabling students to get an even broader education about vital services. They visited Waste Management's Moreno Valley Materials Transfer Facility, EMWD's Waste Water Treatment Plant in San Jacinto, and Kaiser Permanente.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage El Grito

The City sponsored the event led by the Moreno Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The event was on Saturday, September 15. Attendees enjoyed cultural activities, food, music, a special area for kids and a live transmission of the El Grito ceremony from Mexico City.

El Grito refers to the Cry from Dolores – the battle cry of the Mexican War of Independence. The cry was uttered on September 16, 1810 by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla- a priest in the small town of Dolores rallying his countrymen against the Spanish.





