

# CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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#### **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

#### Administration

#### Let's Talk MoVal

On February 10, the City launched "Let's Talk MoVal", a new community engagement website powered by MindMixer.com. The site gives residents and community leaders an opportunity to share new ideas, provide feedback on City initiatives, and respond to surveys anywhere, anytime while on-line. Since the launch, 106 participants have signed up, there have been 2,642 page views, and over 100 "likes" on our Facebook page. Future survey topics will include the Nason Corridor Vision Plan, popular city events, and community pride. Participation is easy, just go to <a href="http://letstalkmoval.mindmixer.com/">http://letstalkmoval.mindmixer.com/</a>, fill out a few simple questions and sign up!

## Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful

# Bulky Waste Collection Event – March 21, 2015

The City of Moreno Valley and Waste Management will host a citywide Bulky Waste Clean Up Event on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at Valley View High School located at 13135 Nason Street from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Postcards will be mailed by Waste Management to over 43,000 households. The event will also be advertised via the City's Facebook page, MVTV-3 and website e-blast. Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of trash, furniture, mattresses, old appliances and electronic waste at no charge. The cleanup event is funded through the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

#### Volunteer Moval!

The City is looking for volunteers to help organize programs to "Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful." Staff is actively meeting with residents and community leaders to seek volunteers to organize neighborhood litter cleanups as well as volunteer at City recycling events. Interested volunteers should contact the City at 951.413.3109 or movalrecycles@moval.org.

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## Household Hazardous Waste Event

The City of Moreno Valley and Riverside County Waste Management Department will hold a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of hazardous waste and e-waste, including sharps (syringes), used oil, used oil filters, fluorescent tubes, and paint. Advertising and outreach efforts for this event include a two week radio promotion campaign on KGGI-99.1. Flyers will also be distributed at community events, local businesses, City facilities and placed on the City's website. Residents are also encouraged to utilize the County of Riverside's permanent HHW facility located at 1780 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside. This facility is open every non-holiday Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Additional information can be found by visiting their website at: http://www.rivcowm.org/

#### Earth Day Mulch Event

To celebrate Earth Day 2015, the City's will host a Free Mulch Give-Away event on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the City's Corporate Yard located at 15670 Perris Boulevard from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The mulch that will be given away is processed from City's tree trimming services. Residents are required to bring their own buckets and bags to load and transport their mulch.

## Keep America Beautiful National Conference

The goal of the KAB conference is to encourage and strengthen individual leadership of KAB Affiliates and provide professional development opportunities. Julie Reyes, Sustainability and Intergovernmental Program Manager, attended the conference in Washington, D.C. in January on behalf of the City and Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful. The Conference included a mandatory Executive Director's training session, along with breakout sessions that focused on programs to abate litter, engage community involvement, and improve our current recycle and outreach programs. Julie was able to network with several cities across the United States to bring back ideas for new programs and grant funding opportunities for Moreno Valley.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Library

#### **Library Grants**

The Moreno Valley Public Library received a \$1,000 Target Arts in Schools and Early Childhood Reading grant for this year. This grant will provide funding support for the upcoming Moreno Valley Public Library Summer Reading Program. The Summer Reading Program will begin June 15th. Moreno Valley Public Library staff has also completed the

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California Reads Grant. The theme of the California Reads Grant is *The War Comes Home*. This grant provided library staff with the opportunity to host various library programs addressing veterans issues that affect the local community. Library programs hosted included a veterans panel discussion, a *Veterans Services Providers Fair*, and a *What It's Like to Go to War* book discussion. Library staff would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for supporting this community grant project:

City of Moreno Valley Council
City of Moreno Valley Media Team
Community Action Partnership
Congressman Mark Takano
Corono Vot Contor

Corona Vet Center

Covered California Staff

County of Riverside Supervisor's Office Daughters of the American Revolution

**Disabled Veterans** 

**Employment Development Department** 

Habitat for Humanity Homestrong USA Inland Library System

Legislative Team Member Corinne Daly Lighthouse Social Services Center

Moreno Valley Unified School District
John Newman from Therapy International

Lee Crisp from Habitat for Humanity

Mark Houck from PW Enhancement Center

**Patriot Guard Riders** 

Platt College

Riverside County Dept of Social Services Riverside County Dept of Veterans Services

Riverside County Housing Authority Riverside County Library System

Riverside County Probation Department Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Riverside National Cemetery Riverside Public Library

Salvation Army U.S. Vets Initiative

VA Loma Linda Health Center Val Verde Unified School District

# **Library Programs**

Moreno Valley Public Library staff will host various programs this month. *Preschool Storytime* is Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Community Action Partnership will offer *Volunteer Income Tax Assistance* (VITA) Wednesdays from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. beginning February 18<sup>th</sup>. *Teen Night* is Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. *Bilingual Storytime* is Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. *Family Night* is Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. *Living Well with Diabetes* classes begin February 20th at 1:00 p.m.

## **Statistical Information**

The library provided a variety of programs and services to library patrons in January. These services vary from adult programs to literacy events. The following are December statistics:

- Door Count 30,676 library patrons
- Class visits 3 outreach opportunities
- Community group visits 3 outreach opportunities
- 15 Minute Computer Sessions 748 sessions
- 30 Minute Computer Sessions 548 sessions
- 60 Minute Computer Sessions 3,870 sessions
- Children's/ Literacy Computer Sessions 890 sessions

- Adult programs 15 programs, 52 attendees
- Bilingual Story time 4 programs, 96 attendees
- Family Programs 4 programs, 65 attendees
- Preschool Story time 7 programs, 202 attendees
- Teen (YA Programs) 3 programs, 24 attendees

#### **Human Resources**

Talent Management: Recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are underway for the following openings:



- Alternate Crossing Guard (PT/Temp-7 applications to date).
- Sr. Traffic Engineer (PAM-3 applications to date).
- Lead Maintenance Worker-Internal (FTC-6 applications to date).
- Child Care Site Supervisor (PT/Grant-34 applications). Interviews scheduled.
- Code Compliance Officer (PT/Temp-120 applications). Applications under review.
- Maintenance Worker I (FTC-228 applications). Applications under review.
- Sr. Telecommunications Technician (FTC-21 applications). Applications under review.
- Administrative Assistant-Fire (FTC-394 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Alternate Crossing Guard (PT/Temp-36 applications). 8 candidates selected, recruitment closed.
- Lead Parks Maintenance Worker (FTC-98 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Recreation Program Leader-Sports (PTC-57 applicants). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Park Ranger (FTC-137 applicants Candidate selected, recruitment closed.
- Telecommunications Technician (FTC-57 applications). Candidate selected, recruitment closed.

#### **Total: 8 recruitments**

New recruitments: 3
Closed recruitments: 5
Ongoing recruitments: 5

## **Workers Compensation for January:**

New claims: 1 Closed claims: 6

Ongoing open claims: 24

## **Turnover Ratio:**

Employees: 415

Retirements/Separations: 1/5 = 6

6/415\*100= **1.45%** 

## **New Hires:**



Rey Dandy Lachica Telecommunications Technician



Jose Cruz Parks Maintenance Worker



Timothy Marquez
Lead Parks Maintenance Worker

#### Facilities Division

The Purchasing Division is working closely with Public Works Street Maintenance and the Fleet group to replace many of the vehicles in our aging fleet. The process starts with the Fleet group identifying which vehicles are to be replaced. Sedans and small to medium size trucks will be replaced with newer low-mileage used vehicles. All vehicles will be purchased through the competitive bid process. Vehicles that are taken out of service will be auctioned off in order to get the most value from these units.

The Facilities group recently met with the stakeholders of the new Corporate Yard building that will start construction in March. The topic of the meeting was to discuss security cameras and access control. Input was received on a placement of security cameras and access control devices. The Capital Projects Engineer in charge of the project, Henry Ngo, also attended and will incorporate these needs into the project. In addition, discussions were held to relocate the free mulch location closer to Perris Boulevard in order to keep citizens from driving unattended throughout the property.

#### Animal Services

# Pets Transferred to Area Animal Shelter Partners

During January, a cumulative total of 20 pets from the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter were transferred to our Animal Shelter Partners, the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center located in Riverside (4 dogs), the Rancho Cucamonga Pet Adoption Center located in Rancho Cucamonga (7 dogs) along with the Helen



Woodward Pet Adoption Center located in Rancho Santa Fe (9 dogs) as part of the Animal

Shelter's network transfer program. These 20 pets, all dogs, will be adopted into their forever homes. Pictured is staff from the Helen Woodward Pet Adoption Center.

## January 2015 Animal Shelter Results

January 2015 saw another month where the Animal Shelter experienced an increase in the positive outcomes for cats by 129% along with a 2% reduction in the number of cats euthanized in January 2015 as compared to the same time period in January 2014. Positive outcomes for dogs increased by 1.5% while euthanasia remained flat during January 2015 as compared to the same time period in 2014. The slight increase in positive outcomes for dogs was attributed to our partnership developed with our Animal Shelter Partners transfer program.

In an effort to stimulate more positive outcomes for our canine and feline friends, the 2015 New Year's Adoption Events was launched for the month of January 2015. Every Friday during the month of January 2015 all adoptable dogs and puppies were available for \$40.00 and all adoptable cats and kittens were available for \$15. These special adoption fees include the spay/neuter surgery, microchip and a 5 in 1 vaccination for dogs and 3 in 1 vaccination for cats. During this promotion in January, a total of 104 pets were adopted into their forever homes proving to be yet another successful pet adoption.

## Special Adoption Events – February to June 2015

- ➤ February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Sweet Paws Valentines Pet Adoption Event
- ➤ March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Pet Adoption event
- ➤ April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day Pet Adoption Event
- ➤ May 5<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo Pet Adoption Event
- ➤ June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Pet Adoption Event

Adoptable dogs and puppies will be available for \$50.00 and all adoptable cats and kittens will be available for \$15. These special adoption fees include the spay/neuter surgery, microchip and a 5 in 1 vaccination for dogs and 3 in 1 vaccination for cats.

#### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Administration

#### Aldi Foods

Aldi Foods will occupy the approved Westridge Business Park, located west of the intersection of Eucalyptus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard. The Moreno Valley facility will be built in conjunction with Aldi's move into California to support of up to 150 stores in the State. Building permits for the project were issued on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Aldi's target date to begin operations at the site is July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Aldi will directly employ 200 workers on site at full operation of the 850,000 square foot facility, not including contractors providing service and deliveries to the facility. Aldi plans to open stores over a three-year period, including two stores in Moreno Valley. The first

store will be located in the TownGate area. An application for that store was submitted to Planning in September and the project is close to the approval stage. The TownGate store would open concurrent with the regional warehouse. Aldi Foods is a national retailer with over 1,300 stores in the United States.

## Harbor Freight Tools

Exterior construction of the Harbor Freight Tools expansion to the existing facility on Cactus Avenue in the Centerpointe Business Park is complete, with a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Final occupancy will occur after the installation of storage racking early this year. The 507,720 square foot expansion, when combined with the existing 779,016 square foot facility, will result in a 1,286,736 square foot distribution facility for the company. Harbor Freight also leases a building in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. With this expansion, Harbor Freight, Amazon and Ross Stores will be the three largest industrial operators in the City.

## Sares Regis/Deckers

Exterior construction by Sares Regis is complete for the first phase 800,000 square foot logistics building, which is leased to Deckers Outdoor Corporation (maker of UGGS boots). Deckers has an option for a second phase expansion of 200,000 to 400,000 square feet. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued on November 20, 2014. Interior tenant improvements for the facility are underway with operations anticipated to commence in early 2015.

The Sares Regis project is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area.

#### First Nandina

The First Nandina project was approved by Planning Commission after a public hearing on October 9<sup>th</sup>. No appeal was filed on the project, which also included an extensive environmental impact report. Demolition permits have been issued for the removal of existing structures on the site. The project proposes to construct a 1.45 million square foot warehouse/distribution center on 73 acres located at the southwest corner of Indian Street and Nandina Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The developer, First Industrial Properties has received strong early interest from potential tenants.

#### Amazon II/IDS

Amazon recently leased a second facility in the City, immediately across the street from their first facility on San Michele Avenue. This second facility is the recently completed 769,320 square foot IDS Building. Amazon has completed substantial tenant improvements and received partial occupancy of the facility in October to start processing product and occupy office areas of the building. The final Certificate of Occupancy was issued on January 12. This second facility is the primary intake point for product from outside suppliers for Amazon fulfillment centers in southern California and Arizona. The facility is anticipated to employ over 200 people. With this second facility, Amazon occupies over 2 million square feet of

space in the City, nearly equal to Harbor Freight Tools and Ross Dress 4 Less Stores, the other two largest tenants in the City.

#### March Business Center/Western Realco

Western Realco has settled all remaining legal challenges to the March Business Center project and has commenced plan check activities for the four building project at the southeast corner of Iris Avenue and Heacock Street in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The project is approved for 1,484,000 square feet of warehouse/logistics space on the 75 acre site. The largest building encompasses 1,103,000 square feet. Western Realco anticipates starting construction on the two largest buildings this year.

#### Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from Realtor.com indicates a .97% increase in the number of homes for sale in the City, and the median asking prices have increased by 1%. The median asking price was \$259,000 compared with \$253,000 in the prior month and \$232,926 in the same month of last year.

As of February 1, 890 homes were listed for sale, compared with 832 at the start of the prior month, and 513 in February of last year. Inventory has been steadily increasing since hitting a low of less than 300 in May 2013. The prior peak was a high of 2,068 in January 2009 at the start of the last recession. The current inventory of homes for sale is a five month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. Therefore, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

## The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Dec. 2014	Nov. 2014	Change	Dec. 2013	Change
Homes for Sale	832	975	(14.7%)	534	55.8%
Median Asking Price	\$253,000	\$250,000	1.2%	\$249,000	1.6%

#### Foreclosures

Information available from RealtyTrac.com for November shows a decrease in foreclosure activity in the City and the County. The website reported one in 454 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or .22% of homes with mortgages in the City. A higher number (454) indicates a lower foreclosure rate (.19%). This compares to a rate of one in 366 units in the prior month and one in 431 units in November of last year. Foreclosure activity is 19% lower than the prior month and .05% lower than November of last year.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is higher than most local communities, and the County's average. In western Riverside County, Cabazon had the highest rate locally (1 in 250) and Temecula had the lowest rate (1 in 697). By zip code, area 92551 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 294) and area 92253 had the lowest rate (1 in 603). The foreclosure rate decreased in the 92253 area, remained level in 92551 and 92555, while increasing in the

92557 area.

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	Nov. 2014	Oct. 2014	Change	Nov. 2013	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	454	366	(19%)	431	(.05%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	671	490	(26%)	559	16%

#### Home Resale Market

Information available from DQNews.com indicates the average home resale values in Moreno Valley have decreased. In December 2014 the average home resale value was \$246,000. This was a 3.5% increase from the value of \$255,000 reported for the month of November 2014 and a 7.9% increase from the value of \$228,000 reported for the month of December 2013. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Corona, Murrieta, Temecula and Perris experienced increases in property value in December by approximately 1.3%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period increased by 41.2% - moving from 136 transactions in November to 192 in December 2014. There have been a total of 2,063 transactions for the year thus far.

#### The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Dec. 2014	Nov. 2014	Change	Dec. 2013	Change
Resale Transactions	192	136	41.2%	185	3.8%
Home Resale Value	\$246,000	\$255,000	3.5%	\$228,000	7.9%

#### Unemployment – December 2014

The unemployment rate in the Moreno Valley decreased dramatically in December 2014, the fifth consecutive month of job growth. The rate declined from 9.6% in November to 8.6% in December. It is unknown how much of this employment growth was for seasonal employment. However, comparing the same month year to year, Moreno Valley's unemployment rate declined 2%, down from 10.6% in December 2013. December's rate represented 7,900 Moreno Valley residents who were unemployed. Though the rate continued to improve, it remained higher than the average rates of 7.4% for Riverside County and 6.7% for California as a whole. The following table compares unemployment rates and the related numbers of unemployed individuals for the State, County, and several Inland Empire cities:

	December 2013	December 2014	December 2014
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Unemployed Count
California	7.9%	6.7%	1,251,800
Riverside County	9.1%	7.4%	70,800
Banning	10.5%	8.5%	1,000
Beaumont	10.4%	8.5%	600
Corona	6.6%	5.4%	4,800
Hemet	11.5%	9.4%	2,600
Menifee	9.7%	7.9%	1,900
Moreno Valley	10.6%	8.6%	7,900
Murrieta	5.9%	4.8%	1,400
Perris	14.3%	11.8%	2,400
Riverside	9.2%	7.5%	12,600
San Jacinto	13.9%	11.4%	1,400
Temecula	6.1%	4.9%	1,900

As development occurs in Moreno Valley, the opportunities for local employment increase. The table below provides a breakdown on the latest industrial market information available from CBRE Research through the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 4 of 2014 (October, November and December).

2014 Q4 Inland Empire Industrial Market Overview						
Industrial Base Vacancy Under Construction						
Overall Market*	438,079,098 Sq Ft	4.5%	16,946,204 Sq Ft			
I.E. East**	179,610,845 Sq Ft	5.6%	10,749,483 Sq Ft			
Moreno Valley	18,715,607 Sq Ft	4.8%	1,161,145 Sq Ft			

<sup>\*</sup> Overall Market includes IE East and the IE West cities of Chino, Eastvale, Fontana, Jurupa Valley, Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga.

Sq Building area in square feet

Ft

#### Eucalyptus Industrial Park

Continuing local efforts to improve Moreno Valley's employment outlook, the City Council recently approved the new Eucalyptus Industrial Park, finding that the project meets several goals:

- Employment Creation though tenants have not yet been selected, the developer estimated that the project will produce more than 400 new jobs.
- Revenue Diversification The industrial park will develop and diversify revenues that support essential City services.
- Positive Environment The architectural design, public infrastructure, and attractive landscaping will create a positive environment for Moreno Valley's future.

<sup>\*\*</sup> IE East - Inland Empire East include the cities of Moreno Valley, Colton, Corona, Loma Linda, Perris, Redlands, Rialto, Riverside and San Bernardino.

The project brings the development of four logistics buildings that total 1,529,498 square feet on approximately 84 acres. This exciting development will be located along the south side of State Route 60, just east of the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. The developer, Prologis, is a leading operator of industrial real estate in the US, Europe and Asia.

This project contributes to Moreno Valley's employment gains. Since 2013, Moreno Valley has attracted approximately 3000 new jobs! Moreno Valley is the new home to national and international brands, including Aldi Foods (under construction), Amazon, Deckers Outdoor (under construction), Federal-Mogul, Harbor Freight Tools (expanded), and Procter & Gamble. Approval of the Eucalyptus Industrial Park continues Moreno Valley's progress toward balancing local job opportunities with the City's abundant housing market.

## Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business

The "Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business" program was created to recognize Moreno Valley businesses for their contribution to the community, as well as providing a unique way to help increase residents' awareness of local shopping, dining, and employment opportunities, in addition to the myriad of services provided by both for profit and non-profit service providers.

Two businesses/ service providers in Moreno Valley are featured monthly. Staff works to ensure that businesses in each City Council district are represented over the course of the year. Businesses selected to participate come from referrals via a variety of sources including members of the City Council, staff, and Chambers of Commerce.

Renaissance Village Rancho Belago and Sage College were "spotlighted" at the February 10, 2015 City Council meeting.

- Renaissance Village, developed by Continental East Development Company, opened last October and offers State-of-the-Art assisted living and memory care community.
- Sage College formerly known as the School of Court Reporting, offers Associate Degrees in Paralegal Services and Court Reporting. They've been serving students in Moreno Valley since 2003 and typically have an enrollment of about 250 students.

Moreno Valley is proud to recognize and support the local business community and non-profit service providers.

## **Building & Safety Division**

#### **Quick Statistics**

The following Building & Safety Division statistics compare January's year over year activity between 2015 and 2014.

BUILDING & SAFETY	January 2015	January 2014
Customer counter Visits-total daily average	563-28	588-36
Building Permits Issued	172	145
Construction Valuation	\$8,593,527	\$19,423,052
Construction Inspections Performed	878	898
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	18	15
Plan Check Activity	283	276
Monthly Revenue	\$74,800	\$78,519

# January Certificate of Occupancy (COFO's)

JAN 2015 TEMP C	JAN 2015 TEMP COFO'S				
PERMIT #	COFO NAME				
B1400153	DECKER'S PHASE 2 (TO EXPIRE 05/10/15)				
JAN 2015 NEW GF	ROUND UP CONSTRUCTION COFO'S				
PERMIT #	COFO NAME				
JAN 2015 BIGGER	R COFO'S (NOT NEW FROM GROUND UP)				
PERMIT #	COFO NAME				
B1401594	AMAZON II (ONT 8)				
B1401917	FOOD FOR LESS FUELING CENTER				
JAN 2015 TRACT	COFO'S				
PERMIT & LOT#	DEVELOPER AND TRACT #				
B1400585 - 8	WESTERN PACIFIC HOUSING INC.				
B1400587 - 9	WESTERN PACIFIC HOUSING INC.				
B1400588 - 50	WESTERN PACIFIC HOUSING INC.				
B1400586 - 51	WESTERN PACIFIC HOUSING INC.				

# Code & Neighborhood Services Division

## **Quick Statistics**

The following Code & Neighborhood Services Division statistics compare January's year over year activity between 2015 and 2014.

	January 2014	January 2015
Cases Initiated	199	366
Closed Case Investigations	200	504
Parking Citations Issued	2,042	2,255
Administrative Citations Issued	56	79
Counter Customers	236	271

Code compliance staff conducted an early morning sweep in a residential area for scavengers taking recyclables from the Waste Management bins. Staff contacted a total of three (3) people in the early morning hours.

## **Planning Division**

## **Quick Statistics**

The following Planning Division statistics compare January's year over year activities between 2015 and 2014.

	January 2015	January 2014
Counter Customers	292	344
Major Case Submittals	1	7
Minor Case Submittals	50	44
Plan Check Submittals	105	50
Application Fees	\$64,038	\$84,794

## City Council

## Projects Pending before City Council

- An Appeal of a Tentative Tract Map and a Conditional Use Permit for a 72 Unit Planned Unit Development condominium project on a 9.4 acre site in a Residential 10 (R10) zoning district was continued from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting by the City Council. The project is located at Cottonwood Avenue, east of Perris Boulevard. The applicant is (Frontier Communities) FH II LLC.
- An Appeal of the Planning Commission action of December 11, 2014, approving a Conditional Use Permit (PA14-0014) and Tentative Tract Map 36708 (PA14-0015), was filed by a resident. City Council consideration of the appeal has been continued from the February 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The project is a 122 unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) on 15.92 acres, including a clubhouse and pool, and is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Cactus Avenue. The applicant for the project is Nova Homes, Inc.

At the January 27, 2015, meeting, the City Council took action on the following projects and conducted the second reading of the ordinance on February 10, 2015.

- Approved the Prologis business park/logistics project. The applications included a General Plan Amendment, Change of Zone, Plot Plans, and a Tentative Parcel Map. The project is located on the south side of Highway 60 easterly of Moreno Beach Drive and the City's Auto Mall. The Tentative Parcel Map No. 35679 proposes to subdivide the project site into five parcels. Parcels 1 through 4 to be used for four industrial buildings, and Parcel 5 for future residential development under its existing R5 and RA-2 zoning. A General Plan Amendment is also required for proposed changes to the City's Circulation Element and the Master Plan of Trails. The project applicant is Prologis.
- Continued the Appeal of the Planning Commission action of December 11, 2014, approving a Conditional Use Permit (PA14-0014) and Tentative Tract Map 36708

(PA14-0015), which was filed by a resident. The project is a 122 unit Planned Unit Development (PUD) on 15.92 acres, including a clubhouse and pool, and is located at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Cactus Avenue. The appeal is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on February 10, 2015. The applicant for the project is Nova Homes, Inc.

## Planning Commission Activity

The Planning Commission took the following actions at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting:

 Approved a Tentative Tract Map and a Conditional Use Permit for a 72 Unit Planned Unit Development condominium project on a 9.4 acre site in a Residential 10 (R10) zoning district is scheduled for review. The project is located at Cottonwood Avenue, east of Perris Boulevard and the applicant is (Frontier Communities) FH II LLC.

## Projects Pending before Planning Commission

A Planning Commission meeting has been scheduled on March 12<sup>th</sup> to consider a
Plot Plan and associated environmental documents for an approximately one million
square foot warehouse distribution facility at 17300 Perris Boulevard. The project is
located within the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The project applicant is Kearny
Modular Way, LLC.

#### March 26, 2015

 A Conditional Use Permit is tentatively scheduled for a new wireless telecommunications facility which consists of a 55 foot monopalm with an equipment enclosure. The project is located at 11650 Perris Boulevard (Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church). The applicant is Verizon Wireless.

#### Administrative Approvals

The following projects were approved administratively in January:

- An Amended Plot Plan was approved for upgrades to the existing telecommunications facility located at 11650 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Crown Castle.
- A Plot Plan was approved for modifications to the existing Sprint telecommunications cell site located at 26930 Fir Avenue. The applicant is Sprint.
- A Plot Plan was approved for the addition to the recreation building, new mail kiosk, and repainting of the multi-family residential buildings at the Villas located at 13292 Lasselle Street. The applicant is Reliant CAP VII, LLC.
- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was approved for upgrades to the existing telecommunications facility located at 26755 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is T-Mobile.
- An Amended Plot Plan was approved to increase the height of the First Nandina Logistics warehouse building located at southeast corner of Nandina Avenue and Heacock Street. The applicant is First Industrial.
- A Plot Plan was approved for the modifications of the existing telecommunications facility located at 11012-11150 Redlands Boulevard. The applicant is Sprint.

#### Recent Case Submittals

The following applications were submitted in January:

- A Revised Tentative Tract Map was submitted for a new site design and building elevations for 273 unit multi-family apartments located at 21595 Box Springs Road. The applicant is Oak Parc Partners, LP.
- An expanded planning review was submitted to consider changes pertaining to conditions of approval related to Tract 31618 located southwesterly of Bay Avenue and Moreno Beach. The applicant is Frontier Communities.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for exterior modifications to Smart & Final building canopy, cart storage and American Disability Act compliance changes located at 25050 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Francis Kwek.
- An Extension of Time for a Master Plot Plan was submitted for a 19.6 acre business park located at 21893 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Andland Properties, LLC.
- A Pre-Application review was submitted for an approximately 600,000 square foot warehouse distribution building. The project is located at Brodiaea Avenue and Graham Street. The applicant is KTR.
- A Plot Plan for roof mounted solar panels was submitted at 12611 Moreno Beach Drive. The applicant is Alkyum-Aileen Cruz.
- A Pre-Application review was submitted for a proposed for subdivision of 9.4 acres into 40 residential lots. The location is Brodiaea Avenue and Tradewinds Street. The applicant is FH II, LLC.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for a canopy with a digital order screen for Starbucks Coffee at 12430 Day Street. The applicant is Yesco Signs LLC.
- An Extension of Time was submitted for a Plot Plan for a 7,000 square foot office building located at 12370 Perris Boulevard. The applicant is Antonio De Luis.
- A Plot Plan was submitted for an automotive window tinting at 24594 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Steve Clara.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for new Goodwill Donation Facility at Fir Avenue and Eucalyptus Avenue. The applicant is Goodwill Industries of Southern California.
- An Administrative Plot Plan was submitted for the Leading Edge Learning Center located at 24021 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Robert Mason.
- An Amended Conditional Use Permit was submitted for modifications to an (e) monopine to remove (6) 8'antennas and replace with (6) newer LTE antennas, also auxiliary equipment behind antennas. The project is located at 24903 Sunnymead Boulevard and the applicant is Coastal Business Group on behalf of AT&T.

#### Highlighted Active Projects

#### Wal-Mart – Perris Boulevard/Gentian

A Plot Plan is currently under review for a proposed Wal-Mart store on an approximate 20 acre parcel at the southwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Gentian. In addition to the Wal-Mart anchor, the proposed project includes an additional retail pad on the southern portion

of the project site at Perris Boulevard and Santiago. The Project Review Staff Committee has reviewed the modified site design and elevations. Progress continues to be made in addressing staff comments. The City's review of the first Screencheck EIR for the Wal-Mart project was completed on November 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the fourth review of the site plan and building elevations was performed in December. The comments on all elements of the project are currently with the applicant for consideration. The applicant has submitted a second Screencheck EIR and revised plans.

## **Edgemont Apartments**

The project proposal is for a 112 unit apartment project on 6.63 acres located at the southeast corner of Eucalyptus Avenue and Edgemont Street. The project applications under review include a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change from Community Commercial zoning to R20 residential zoning, and a Plot Plan that describes the site layout and design and proposed building architectural design. The apartment complex as proposed includes 14 two-story buildings with a mix of 1 and 2 bedroom units. The project will be gated with two points of access. Parking for the complex includes open parking, carports and single-car garages. This project is currently in the third review with development services staff. Staff is working with the applicant on addressing several outstanding items including review by the Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission for consistency with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, and resolution of fire flow compliance.

# World Logistics Center

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet 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 project area is bound by State Route 60 (SR60), Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the proposed 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.

The project applicant has assembled the components of the Final Environmental Impact Report and is currently working with staff on scheduling the release of the documents for final public review. The Draft EIR, Response to Comments, and the Facts, Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations constitute the Final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

#### FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Financial Operations Division

- Over 490 W-2's were issued by our Payroll Team
- Over 100 1099's were issued by our Accounts Payable Team for a total of \$6,532,660.56

# <u>Publication of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Year Ended June</u> 30, 2014

The CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2014 was presented to the Finance Subcommittee in December 2014 and the City Council in early January 2015. This financial publication presents the results of the City's operations and financial position as of June 30, 2014. These financial statements have received an "unqualified" opinion from an independent auditor, indicating their accuracy and compliance with all applicable reporting requirements. This report is available on our website and has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for award consideration.

#### Additional Routine Audits and Reviews in Progress

The State Controller's Office is currently conducting the following audits:

- Gas Tax Special Revenue Fund for a 6 year period (FY 07/08 through FY 12/13)
- Traffic Congestion Relief Fund for a 4 year period (FY 07/08 through FY 10/11)
- Prop 1B Fund for a 6 year period (FY 07/08 through FY 12/13)

These routine audits are being conducted as a part of the fiscal concerns of the state and the disbursement of this state money is being audited for correctness, legality, and sufficient provisions of law for payment.

Our independent auditing firm of Lance, Soll & Lunghard, LLP is conducting the Single Audit for the year ended June 30, 2014. This audit is of the City's major federal programs (federally funded grants) and includes examining the City's compliance with federal requirements as stated by the Office of Management's Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement. The auditors will express an opinion on compliance after examination is complete.

# Review of Active Vendors Resulted in 400+ Vendors Being Inactivated

The Accounts Payable Team, along with the Purchasing Team, reviewed the entire database of all active vendors and identified over 400 vendors that have not received a payment in several years. By inactivating these vendors, staff will be able to reconfirm the vendor's tax status and mailing address to improve vendor information accuracy to assist us in delivering payments timely.

#### Logos and eSuite Training Sessions are Coming Up

Look for training sessions to be available for both Logos and eSuite. Do you know where to see your tax filing status in eSuite? Do know how to request a change of address or direct deposit using eSuite? Do you have new responsibilities and need some guidance on how to run reports? Do you just need a refresher of Tips and Tricks? If so, attending a training session is a great start!

#### Financial Resources Division

## Two-Year Budget Preparation for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/16 and FY 2016/17 Begins

Staff has initiated the process to gather needs and data to build the budget for the next two-year fiscal period. The general direction is to maintain the course in delivery of public services while controlling costs. Staff entered and reviewed budget requests until mid-January, at which time the Financial Resources staff compiled and analyzed the requests. The City Manager and Executive Team will review the requests after the City Council goal setting. The City Manager will submit a recommended budget to City Council in March/April 2015. After significant review by City Council, including public hearings to receive public input, the budget will be presented for approval by City Council in June.

#### Nonprofit Roundtable

Staff has been coordinating with the community's non-profit groups during the past year to engage them in a process to coordinate efforts between organizations. This has been through the meetings of the Nonprofit Roundtable. The Roundtable has been meeting quarterly and has recently engaged a group to plan the future of the Roundtable and take over coordination of future meetings.

## Community Development Block Grant and Related Federal Grant Process

The City of Moreno Valley hosted multiple application workshops to review the application process with non-profit agencies interesting in applying for funding. Three separate events were held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, and January 20<sup>th</sup>. All three events were held in the Moreno Valley Council Chamber located at 14177 Frederick Street. To assure applicants are familiar with the application process and requirements, attendance was strongly encouraged for at least one workshop.

Applications from any non-profits providing service within the city were due on January 30, 2015 by 4:30 p.m. Staff is in the process of reviewing applications and will make recommendations to City Council in Spring 2015. The Finance Subcommittee and City Council will review and prioritize the grant requests, ultimately approving the grantees of the FY 2015/16 federal awards.

## Special Districts Division

# <u>City Requests Homeowner Input on Beautification Programs</u>

Over 1,500 surveys were mailed to residents at the end of January. The surveys are being used to gauge the community's interest in developing two beautification programs. The first is to determine if residents are interested in having parkway landscaping installed around the perimeter of their housing developments and whether or not they would support sharing in the cost to install and maintain the improvements. The second is to replace worn out wooden fencing that faces major roadways. Results from the surveys will be discussed during the Mayor and Council's March 3<sup>rd</sup> Study Session to discuss beautification programs.

## <u>Landscape Area Transitions to Reclaimed Water</u>

Irrigation for landscaping located on Caballo (east of Lasselle) has been converted from potable to reclaimed water. The approximately 42,000 square feet of landscaping is located within Zone 03 of Landscape Maintenance District 2014-02. When the area was originally developed, infrastructure for the reclaimed water was installed pending its availability. The City was able to take advantage of a \$3,300 rebate from Metropolitan Water District for the conversion. It is estimated the balance of the cost to convert (\$5,500) will be offset through water cost savings within 18 months. Not only will this decrease water costs for the landscape district, it will reduce the landscaping's risk of being affected by any water restrictions which may be imposed by EMWD due to the drought.

#### Plants and Mulch Installed on Alessandro Median, East of Frederick

Landscape crews installed mulch and plants in the Alessandro median, east of Frederick. Given the drought conditions, this is the only area scheduled for replants. Prior to the replants, there was no vegetation, just boulders and accumulated dirt.



Before - January 14th



After - February 5<sup>th</sup>

## Treasury Operations Division

# Bond Financing Team Request for Proposal (RFP)

On November 6<sup>th</sup> the City issued an RFP in order to form a Bond Financing Team. Responses were due to the City Clerk's office by December 4<sup>th</sup>. On the closing date the City received proposals from 11 firms seeking to provide financing related services such as Municipal Advisors, Bond Counsel, Underwriters and Dissemination Agents. These responses were reviewed and evaluated and finalists were interviewed by a review committee. The list of the firms that will comprise the bond financing team has been developed and will be presented for review by the Finance Subcommittee and the City Council in March.

#### Business License Renewals

The deadline for submitting business license renewals was January 31, 2015. Renewals submitted after this date will be subject to penalties and interest. Business owners can still submit their renewal either by returning the renewal application through the mail or by using the City's web portal to submit the renewal and payment online. As compared to previous

years, we have seen a slight increase in the utilization of the online portal which will assist the users with the tax calculations and determination of fees.

## **Technology Services Division**

#### E-mail SPAM Reduced

Technology Services has replaced the City's e-mail spam filter with a Barracuda Spam Firewall. The Barracuda spam firewall has been blocking more spam than the old filter. The old spam filter required TS staff to monitor e-mail queues throughout the day to release legitimate e-mails that were inadvertently flagged as spam; this was a very time consuming activity. The new spam firewall does not require staff to monitor queues throughout the day; however e-mail inadvertently flagged as spam will have to be resent after the spam rules have been modified to allow that e-mail. The new spam firewall will also save the City \$7,000 a year in maintenance support costs.

#### Citywide Sidewalk Inventory

The City's sidewalk inventory was recently updated in the GIS system. Utilizing the high resolution aerial imagery from 2012, staff was able to capture sections of sidewalk found in new development areas and street improvement projects. The original GIS layer, which was created in 2006, measured approximately 748 miles of sidewalk. In the new layer, 29 miles of sidewalk is added, bringing the total to 776 miles. We are doing our best to keep your shoes clean and to give students a safe route to get to school.



#### 1st Floor City Hall Reconfiguration

Technology Services has completed cabling Phases 1 and 2 (out of 4) of the City Hall 1st floor reconfiguration. Working many weekend hours in order to minimize downtime for

employees, all new data and phone lines have been installed. Phases 3 and 4 are scheduled to be completed by the middle of January. At the completion of this project, all of City Hall will have updated data and phone cabling.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### Administration

## Spark of Love Toy Drive

The Moreno Valley Fire Department in conjunction with Riverside County Fire Department / CAL FIRE, ABC-7 and the Community Assistance Program successfully conducted its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. Thanks to the generous donations given by the community and local businesses, over 385 families with a total of 579 kids were able to receive toys for Christmas.



The toys were distributed from Moreno Valley Fire Station 58 on December 20 and 21 with the help of volunteers from the Moreno Valley Fire Explorers, representatives and students from Moreno Valley and Val Verde Unified School Districts, members of the community and Firefighters from the Moreno Valley Battalion.

Also, on December 23, Firefighters from Sunnymead Truck 2 and College Park Engine 91 delivered toys to pediatric patients at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center.

## Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee Award

On January 26, Fire Apparatus Engineer Paramedic Jared Hazelaar, Fire Apparatus Engineer John Phillips, Fire Fighter Paramedic Jeff Labahn and Fire Captain Chris Phillips received an award from the Prehospital Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC) for their swift and aggressive actions to save a 13 year old juvenile's life on December 13. Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 and Sunnymead Engine 2 had responded to an incident in Kennedy Park's



primary response area for a child down reported to be unconscious. Fire Department personnel arrived to find a juvenile in a bedroom without a pulse, not breathing and family members performing bystander CPR. Fire Department Paramedics took immediate action initiating Advanced Cardiac Life Support which included inserting an advanced airway, IV and administering cardiac medications. The care was continued while enroute to an area

hospital. Because of the Fire Department Personnel's immediate response, care and bystander CPR performed by family members, the patient regained a pulse, blood pressure and was attempting to breathe but required assistance. The juvenile continued to improve over the course of several days and is expected to make a complete recovery.

## Office of Emergency Management



The Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with Riverside County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services, conducted a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class January 23-25. A total of 22 students, mostly from the Canyon Springs and Vista Del Lago High School's Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA) program, attended this 2 ½ day training course. Students attending this class learned disaster preparedness skills with an emphasis on

decision making, rescuer safety, and doing the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Lifesaving skills including first aid, sizing up hazards, fire suppression with a fire extinguisher, and light search and rescue are also taught to CERT members. CERT is a grant funded program that is conducted at a minimal cost to the City and it allows the Fire Department to provide essential disaster preparedness training to our citizens. These citizens will become valuable assets to the City when a disaster occurs.

On January 24, the Office of Emergency Management's Emergency Response Force (ERF) personnel assisted the Recreational Trails Board with the Hike to Teri Peak event. ERF was onsite to provide basic first aid, hydration and a cooling center for the participants. Although no aid was needed, several hikers utilized ERF's services to recover from the hike by resting and rehydrating.

## Fire Operations

#### Fire Department Significant Events

On December 31, Sunnymead Fire Engine 2 responded to a call for a tree that had fallen into a house. Upon arrival, Fire Personnel found an 80ft tree that had fallen into an occupied duplex, destroying the entire back half of the house. Prior to the arrival of Engine 2, occupants of both homes managed to self-evacuate. One resident was treated by Fire Department Paramedics for



minor injuries and did not require hospitalization. Moreno Valley Building and Safety deemed the residences not livable and red tagged the home. Red Cross was called upon to assist the residents who had been displaced with temporary housing.

On January 1, units from the Moreno Valley Fire Department responded to a report of a residential structure fire in Kennedy Park's primary response area. Kennedy Park Engine 65 arrived at scene and discovered smoke and flames coming from the front corner of the house. With coordinated efforts from both Engine and Truck Company personnel, an aggressive interior attack to contain the fire successfully kept the home from being fully destroyed. A total of 4 Engine Companies, 2 Truck Companies, 21 Firefighters and 1 Chief Officer were committed to the incident for 2.5 hours. Red Cross was called upon to assist the residents that were displaced from their home due to this incident.

On January 2, Kennedy Park Engine 65 was dispatched to a call reporting a vehicle that had struck the side of a residential house. Fire Department Personnel arrived to find the vehicle had caused major structural damage to the house due to the impact. The occupants of the vehicle had fled the scene and were later detained by the Moreno Valley Police Department. One of the occupants of the vehicle was transported to a local



area hospital for minor injuries. The owners of the residence were not home at the time of incident. Due to the structural compromise of 2 load bearing walls, the structure was red tagged and deemed uninhabitable. Red Cross was notified and responded to the scene awaiting the homeowners return. 2 adults and 3 children were displaced due to this incident.

On January 17, units from Moreno Valley Fire Department were dispatched to the intersection of Eucalyptus and Old 215 Frontage road for a reported vehicle roll over. Sunnymead Engine 2 arrived at scene to find a minivan on its side with a 57 year old female conscious and trapped inside. Sunnymead Truck 2 utilized the "Jaws of Life" to remove the patient from the vehicle. It took approximately 40 minutes and the efforts of 16 Moreno Valley Fire personnel to extricate the victim who was then transported to RCRMC complaining of minor injuries.



On January 28, units from Moreno Valley Fire Department were dispatched for a possible drowning in Sunnymead Fire Station's Primary Response Area. Upon arrival, Sunnymead Truck 2 observed the father performing CPR on a 3 year old child in the front yard of the residence. Contact was made with the father who confirmed the child had been down and submerged in a pool for approximately twelve minutes. Fire Department Paramedics

continued CPR while initiating Advance Life Support care. Sunnymead Engine 2 arrived on scene with American Medical Response and the child was immediately loaded into the AMR unit and transported with two Fire Department Paramedics to RCRMC. While enroute CPR was continued along with aggressive Advanced Life Support measures. Upon arrival at the hospital, transfer of care was established with trauma team and emergency room staff who continued resuscitative measures. It was later discovered the child had regained a pulse but remained unconscious and unable to breathe without assistance. Our most recent update is that the child has shown further improvement but remains hospitalized in critical but stable condition.

# Fire Prevention

On December 3, the Fire Department met with members of the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce, Business in Action Committee. Adria Reinertson was introduced to the members as the new Fire Marshal for the City of Moreno Valley. Adria provided an overview of the City Fire Prevention programs and the common code violations typically found when conducting fire and life safety inspections in businesses within the community.

#### PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## **Community Events**

## Hike to the Top

Parks Maintenance is pleased to announce the highest attendance ever at our Recreational Trails Board's most recent *Hike to the Top*. On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 75 people participated in the Hike to Terri Peak, a difficult 7.8-mile hike led by Board Members Gilbert Brooks and Margie Breitkreuz! Special thanks to our Emergency Response Force for being at the hike to assist participants with any needs.







**ERF** Assistance



Hike to the Top Participants

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Fest

Planning for the *July 4<sup>th</sup> Festivities* is underway. Staff has secured three bands for the Fun Fest held at Morrison Park. The department has also secured \$5,500 in sponsorship from Waste Management and Visterra Credit Union, with hopes of receiving another \$4,500 from another local business. A planning meeting with several City departments is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>. Indemnification agreements are pending with a number of property managers for use of facilities.

## Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park Series

Staff has begun planning for the *Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park Series*.

#### Writers Launch Pad

The Arts Commission has secured writer Graham Brown for this year's *Writer's Launch Pad* being held on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the CRC. Commissioners are busy promoting the event and are expecting over 50 participants.

#### Administration

- Preliminary discussions with the National Parks Service (NPS) on the possible use by the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) of the old child care center at March Field Park (MFP) have been positive. The NPS requested the City to submit a letter detailing how this use complies with the approved Program of Utilization (POU), which is included in the deed of conveyance for MFP. If the NPS determines the use complies, the City may proceed with negotiating terms of use for the building with the YOC. If the NPS determines the use does not comply, then a POU change would be required, which can be a lengthy process.
- At the February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Council to ratified the City's grant application and adopted a corresponding resolution for the *California Department of Housing and Community Development's 2014 Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program*. The 2014 HRP Program provides parks funds to eligible jurisdictions for low and very-low affordable housing created between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2014. Grant

funding available through the 2014 HRP Program is \$35 million. If HCD does not disallow any portion of the City's grant application, the City is eligible for \$617,100 (\$275,500 base award + \$341,600 bonus award).

The City's grant application includes one project in each of the City's CDBG Targeted Areas. A brief summary of the projects is provided below:

- 1. John F. Kennedy Park Renovation (CDBG Target Area for District 4) Many areas of John F. Kennedy Park, which is over 30 years old, are in need of rehabilitation. The proposed project includes the renovation of restrooms, three small picnic shelters, and baseball/softball field (includes fencing). Walkway and parking lot lighting will be enhanced or replaced and a new large picnic shelter will be constructed near Indian Street.
- 2. Senior Community Center Fitness Center Renovation and Refurbishment (CDBG Target Area for District 3)

The fitness center has not been updated since the Senior Community Center was constructed over 20 years ago. The proposed project includes new flooring, energy efficient lighting, and wall coating. The old treadmills and workout equipment would be replaced with commercial grade treadmills and weight-bearing/cardio exercise equipment suitable for use by senior citizens.

3. Conference and Recreation Center – Outdoor Theater System and Crowd Lighting (CDBG Target Area for District 5)

The west lawn at the Conference and Recreation Center (CRC) is used for many of the City's community events, including the free summer concert and movie series, which is very staff intensive to set up and take down. The proposed project would install an all-weather projection screen, outdoor sound system, and enhanced crowd lighting.

# Community Services Division

## **Recreation Programs**

 The recreation division held recruitment for a Recreation Leader, promoting Candice Thomas. Candice has been with the City for approximately two years and in her new position, will plan and implement adult sports leagues and the upcoming Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament.

• The Time for Tots program has many funfilled special activity days in the month of February including International Animal Day and Disney Day. The participants are currently planning their upcoming Valentine' Day potluck at each other the sites where parents and families can enjoy the participants exchange their holiday cards and treats. Time for Tot sessions continue to fill up week in and week out.

- Staff is preparing a very exciting curriculum for the upcoming Valley Kids Spring Camp, taking place March 23<sup>th</sup> and saw a similar number of registrations compared to the fall camp. Attending kindergarten through seventh graders will spend their school vacations creating holiday and seasonal crafts, playing festive fun-filled games, activities, and much more.
- Registration was high for many of the *youth dance classes* including the Dance Explorations, Ballet, and Ballet/Acro. Several new classes were added which include Electric Guitar and Genesis Hoops Basketball Training Camp.
- Staff is planning for the upcoming **Recreation Expo** that will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This free event will provide the community the opportunity to meet the Parks and Community Services' contract instructors as they gather free information regarding the department's youth and adult classes. There will be demonstrations as well as hands-on activities.
- The City's special needs adult program, Sunshine Social, had its very own fashion show on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The ladies were dolled up with the help of staff and the men were looking suave to show off their possible fashion options for Winter Formal. Sunshine Social also held its Winter Formal on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a magical event with each participant bringing a date and dancing the night away. A king and queen were crowned for a royal night, food was served along with drinks and desserts.

#### Senior Community Center

- On January 15<sup>th</sup>, the Center held its third annual **Sock Hop Dance** with music from the 50's and 60's to entertain the seniors as they enjoyed hot dogs, french fries and drinks. Some of the 60 seniors in attendance danced to some of their favorite songs.
- The January **Senior Birthday Party** was celebrated on January 22<sup>th</sup>. This event was sponsored by Miller Jones Mortuary, which donated the cake and ice cream.
- On January 30<sup>th,</sup> the Center held its *Big Game Pizza Party* for the seniors, sponsored by Applied General Agency. There were approximately 60 seniors in attendance.
- *Income tax preparation* by AARP began on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will continue through April 15, Monday through Friday from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Tax forms are completed at no charge for people with low to moderate income.
- The Valentine's Day Dance was held on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

• Black History Month Celebration was held on February 19th.

## Sports 5

- FootGolf Opening Day Celebration was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Cottonwood Golf Center. Over 60 members of the public enjoyed free FootGolf during the day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The current hours are Sunday through Friday from 12 noon to close and all day Saturday.
- Winter Youth Basketball League is underway. The teams, totaling 160 youth participants, practiced through December with games played until the last Saturday in February.
- Pee Wee and Junior Soccer League is currently underway, with over 160 participants ages 3-7. The participants practice for three weeks followed by another three weeks of fun scrimmage games.
- Adult softball is currently taking registrations for our spring league. Men's teams will
  play on Thursday nights in either our "C" or "D" division. Coed teams will play on Sunday
  nights in either our Competitive or Non-competitive leagues.

#### Parks Maintenance Division

Parks Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Dug foot golf holes.
- · Repaired turf at El Potrero West Park.
- Sprayed Zone 3 for weeds.
- Installed barbeque at Vista Lomas Park.
- Replaced worn barbeques in Zone 1 and 2 parks.
- Overseeded Rock Ridge Park.
- Overseeded infield turf at Sunnymead Remy Field.

# Following projects are in progress:

- Install posts at Fairway and Ridgecrest Parks' restroom shelters.
- Replace post on Sunnymead Park shelter.
- Paint Hidden Springs and Sunnymead Park shelters.
- Install 290 recycle trash containers at all park sites (80% complete).
- Plant trees at Cottonwood Equestrian Staging Area (ongoing).
- Trim flower beds at Lasselle Sports Park (60% complete).
- Repair trails (south).
- Repair roofs E/W at El Potrero Park and Woodland Park (need ridge tiles).
- Spray Zone 4 for weeds.
- Finish hedges at El Potrero West Park (75% complete).
- Grade ball field infields.
- Install soccer goals at El Potrero East Park.
- Repair turf at Woodland Park.

- Aerify parks and sports fields.
- · Aerify golf course fairways and greens.
- Spray weeds in Zones 1 and 2.
- Plant trees at Sunnymead Park.
- Repair sink hole in the turf at Community Park Soccer fields.

Parks Maintenance staff spent 34 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 11 park sites. Through January (calendar year 2015), 34 hours (4 work days) were required to abate/repair damage to park property due to vandalism and graffiti.

## Park Ranger Statistics

Park Rangers patrolled 1,907 areas, had 2,648 public contacts, and issued 71 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol. Through January (calendar year 2015), patrolled 1,907 areas, 2,648 public contacts, and 71 citations issued.

## **Court Referral Workers**

Court referrals worked 1,024 hours (128 work days). Through January (calendar year 2015), court referrals worked 1,024 hours (128 work days).

## Parks Projects Program

## **Completed Projects**

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant concrete was installed at Woodland Park.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant concrete was installed at the *Cottonwood Banquet Room* for improved access to the facility. ADA compliant parking space was added in the golf center parking lot in anticipation of increased need due to future Cottonwood Banquet Room rentals.
- The monument sign lighting for Cottonwood Golf Center has been installed. They consist of four vandal resistant LED fixtures that light from dusk to dawn.



## Projects in Progress

- ADA compliant drinking fountains will be installed at Sunnymead Park in late February to early March.
- Replace the wood surfacing on the pedestrian bridge from Sunnymead Park ball fields to the play apparatus with a composite material that will be ADA compliant.

## **Child Care Grant Programs**

## A Child's Place

• Jacob's Dream Foundation at UCR is a chapter of a non-profit organization that strives to live up to its motto -- Love, Serve, Teach. Their focus is on community service. They are a non-profit organization that teaches those that are eager to learn but do not have the resources to do so and inspire them to reach new heights. JDF takes pride in having an individual approach to providing services to the community to ensure that no one goes unnoticed, which highlights enrichments and art in schools. JDF is scheduled to be at the following sites and dates:

January 23<sup>th</sup> – TownGate Elementary School February 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunnymead Elementary School February 20<sup>th</sup> – Creekside Elementary School March 6<sup>th</sup> – Ridgecrest Elementary School

## Facility Rentals

# Senior Community Center

# Moreno Valley Senior Community Center

# **Banquet Room Rental**

# **Detailed Information January 2015**

Date	Event Description	Amount	Deposit	Attendance	City
1/4/15	Church	\$340.00	Ongoing	30	
1/11/15	Church	\$340.00	Ongoing	30	
1/14/15	Church	\$45.00	Ongoing	10	
1/15/15	Church	\$45.00	Ongoing	10	
1/17/15	Rental H.O.A	\$180.00	Ongoing	10	
1/18/15	Church	\$340.00	Ongoing	30	
1/21/15	Church	\$45.00	Ongoing	10	
1/22/15	Church	\$45.00	Ongoing	10	
1/25/15	Church	\$340.00	Ongoing	30	
1/28/15	Church	\$45.00	Ongoing	10	
1/29/15	Church	\$45.00	Ongoing	10	
	Number of Events	Amount			City Usage
		\$			
TOTALS	11	1,810.00			0

## Cottonwood Golf Center Banquet Room

Since the official grand opening of the Cottonwood Golf Center Banquet Room on January 24<sup>th</sup>, staff has been able to book eleven rentals through October including baby showers, church events, wedding/reception, Quinceanera, school banquet, bridal shower, and adult birthdays. The first event was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> with 120 people in attendance for a church dinner.





## Conference and Recreation Center

Douctrina Tutoring rented Alessandro A and B for several days hosting tutoring classes for Moreno Valley Youth until the schools re-opened in January.

AYSO rented Alessandro B for several days of soccer registration and plan to use our facility for the spring registration.

Riverside County SELPA held their Annual ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule) training for two days. This training was for School Psychologists, Speech Therapists and teachers from Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Reverend James Baylark with Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church held a Martin Luther King Day Celebration. They hosted a brunch and showed videos of Reverend King's famous speeches as a part of the Celebration.

Riverside County Office of Education hosted their Bi-Annual Management Leadership Training meeting in the GVBR for about 250 employees.

February 19<sup>th</sup> the Moreno Valley Wind Symphony will host their winter performance. The Theme for this concert is Marches, Movies and Musicals. This concert is hosted by the City of Moreno Valley and is free to the public. The doors open around 6:30pm.

## TownGate Community Center

In January, the TownGate Community Center held seven events along with church every Sunday and Tuesday. Other events included a memorial service, adult birthday, meetings, and baby showers.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### Case of the Month

In early January MVPD officers responded to a bomb threat at a large commercial business located in the city. A representative of the company received a telephone call from a subject using a blocked number. The unknown caller had specific information regarding incidents that occurred that day. The caller made threats and advised there were bombs placed in specific buildings and they were set to go off at a specific time. The employee immediately called security and management and advised them of the call. The plant fire alarm was immediately activated and MVPD officers were contacted and responded. Officers arrived and assisted with evacuating all employees to a staging area. Officers assisted security and searched the business for any unusual packages or anything out of place. No bombs or anything suspicious were located inside or outside of the business. The business was shut down for approximately two hours while officers search the grounds.

The investigation was forwarded to detectives with the MVPD, due to the large monetary loss to the business. After a lengthy investigation and several search warrants served at cellular telephone companies, detectives were able to locate a possible telephone number where the bomb threat was made. Detectives identified the caller as a former employee that was recently fired. MVPD detectives obtained and served a search warrant at the residence of the former employee. After further investigation the male adult suspect was arrested for making the bomb threat and was booked into jail.

## **Community Services**

Coffee with a Cop: The last Coffee with a Cop event was held in Zone 1 on January 28, 2015 at "McDonalds Restaurant" located 12371 Perris Blvd. These events are held in casual environments to help promote communication and build relationships between MVPD and residents. At these events, there is no agenda, only conversations about any concerns regarding public safety.







## <u>Volunteers</u>

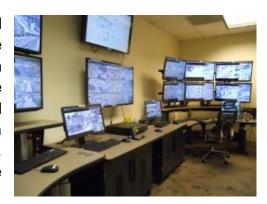
The MVPD relies heavily on volunteer forces to assist with providing valued service to the citizens of Moreno Valley. Our MVPD volunteers have logged more than 1100 hours this past month. The MVPD Community Services has set a goal to increase their volunteer forces by 20% in 2015. Below is a list of current positions where we rely heavily on our volunteer forces:

Citizens Patrol - Uniformed high visibility patrol in marked patrol units;

- Anti-Graffiti Patrol Non uniform patrol in unmarked vehicles to assist in surveillance and reporting of graffiti vandals;
- Front Office Assistant Assists front office personnel with day to day activities;
- Incident Call Out Responds to major incidents within the City to assist with perimeter security, road closures, and searching for lost hikers/missing persons;
- City Wide Camera System Monitors call board and review related camera angles to assist with gathering information on calls for service, proactive monitoring of parks and problem or high crime areas.

## Citywide Camera System

The Moreno Valley Citywide Camera system has assisted in over 800 investigations since implementation. The Camera system has assisted in solving everything from missing persons to petty theft and homicides. The monitoring of the Citywide Camera System is conducted by light duty officers and volunteers. Camera System volunteers have logged over 200 hours this past month. MVPD is in the process of adding cameras to three additional parks and one intersection for 2015.



#### Traffic Division:

Enforcement events include:

- Motorcycle Enforcement
- Pedestrian decoy programs / one conducted this past month
- DUI Saturation Patrols
- DUI Checkpoints

On February 6, 2015 a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint was conducted at Lasselle Street and Rojo Tierra. 1,145 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, 2 DUI arrests were made, 15 arrests were made for subjects driving on a suspended or no driver license and 6 additional citations were written for various violations.





#### **Problem Oriented Policing Unit:**

The multi-focus team is currently working on:

- High visibility patrol on Sunnymead Blvd Corridor
- Bicycle Patrol
- Vice operations

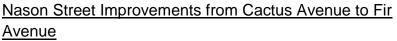
- Illegal gambling
- Shoulder tap/ABC compliance operations
- Off road vehicle enforcement
- Crime Free Multi-housing meetings
- Assisting with zone meetings
- Currently working twenty five specific zone complaints throughout the City

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Capital Projects

<u>Perris Boulevard Widening from Ironwood Ave. to Manzanita Ave.</u>

The contractor has completed the retaining wall at Pico Vista Way and Edison has installed the new power poles on the west side of Perris Boulevard. On the east side of Perris Boulevard the contractor has completed curb and gutter, sidewalks, and driveway approaches. Staff anticipates project completion in October 2015 (weather permitting).



The project construction continues well as scheduled. Contractor has installed sidewalk along both sides of Nason Street from Fir Avenue to Cactus Avenue. Contractor is grading the bio swales, installing drainage systems on east side of Nason Street north of Cactus Avenue, and will continue with roadway excavation. Together with the street widening operation, Time Warner Cable, Sunesys, Verizon, and Southern California Edison are in the process of installing cables and electrical wires through the new underground conduits and structures. Construction

# <u>Aqueduct Trail Project from Moreno Valley Mall Area</u> <u>to Lake Perris State Recreation Area</u>

will conclude by October 2015 (weather permitting).

In January, staff interviewed the top-three ranked firms who proposed on the project. The number one-





ranked firm was selected and negotiations are underway. Staff anticipates award of contract in late February 2015.

## Fire Station No. 48 Remodeling

E. Avico, Inc., the City's general contractor has completed the demolition, concrete slab and interior framing and continues with the installation of the

plumbing and electrical in the sleeping quarter area, restroom and kitchen. The concrete footing for the new exercise room and perimeter sidewalk are scheduled for the first week of February 2015. Construction is scheduled for completion by May 2015 (weather permitting).



# CORPORATE YARD FACILITY PHASE I ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

On January 27, 2015, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Keystone Builders, Inc. The Project includes a new 5,264 SF, 9 to 10 feet high, with tilt up concrete panel wall and a fully furnished office building. Construction will begin in February 2015 and will be completed by February 2016 (weather permitting).



# Transportation Engineering

## <u>Transportation Management Center</u>

Located prominently at the main entrance to City Hall, the Transportation Management Center (TMC) is complete. The TMC demonstrates the City's commitment to enhancing arterial mobility and safety. From this centralized location, staff is able to monitor intersections in real time, modify traffic signal timing remotely, communicate with field-

installed devices in response to varied traffic conditions and/or incidents, and exchange traffic data with Caltrans and the City of Riverside. Funded through a combination of Air Quality Management District (AQMD) revenue and developer impact fees, the total project cost is \$620,000.

# <u>Cactus Avenue Eastbound Third Lane Widening From Veterans Way to Heacock Street,</u> Stage II

The project improvements will include pavement, sidewalks, curb and gutter, storm drains, retaining walls, and modifications to existing traffic signals. Construction is expected to begin in February 2015 and complete by October 2015 (weather permitting). Upon completion of the project an additional lane will be constructed on the eastbound lane on Cactus Avenue from Veterans Way to Heacock Street.

## **Heacock Street Widening**

City Council awarded a construction contract to Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. on December 9, 2014 to construct street improvements on Heacock Street from San Michele Road to Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "A". A pre-construction meeting is scheduled on January 13, 2015. Construction is scheduled from late January 2015 to October 2015. The project consists of widening Heacock Street to a four-lane arterial, sidewalk and streetlight improvements. Upon completion it will improve the street level of service on one of the City's major truck routes. The project is primarily funded with Western Riverside Council of Government (WRCOG) Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) funds and supplemented with Measure A funds. Estimated construction related costs are \$1,748,000.





# Cycle 5 ADA Access Ramps Improvements at Various Locations

City Council awarded a construction contract to Martinez Concrete, Inc. on January 6, 2015 to construct 29 access ramps with all but two locations within the City's designated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) target areas. The improvements will include: curb, gutter, pavement, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements; replacement of pedestrian, crosswalk push buttons; and other related pedestrian enhancements. Construction is anticipated to begin February 2015 and be completed by April 2015. Estimated construction related costs are \$250,062.