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MORENO VALLEY

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE

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MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

Bloomberg's U.S. Mayor's Challenge Champion City Campaign

Moreno Valley is among 35 Champion Cities competing for a one to five million dollar prize to solve the “earn versus learn” dilemma that many Moreno Valley residents face. The City is currently in the “test, learn, and adapt” phase of the competition. Moreno Valley received \$100,000 to test and enhance our bold ideas to solve the “earn versus learn” issue. The Media & Communications Division provided banners, graphics, flyers, news releases, photography, presentations, surveys, videos, and a new website for this innovative government project. The opportunity to compete in this project was made possible by Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez.



CITY OF MORENO VALLEY

MoVaLEARNs

Worried about paying your bills? Not sure if you can pay next month's rent - and for your books?

The City of Moreno Valley can help.

The MoVaLEARNs program is offering cash in exchange for attending classes at Moreno Valley College. No strings attached.

It takes just 30 seconds to apply - and you could be \$1000 richer - just for going to school.

- To be eligible:
 - o You must be over the age of 18.
 - o You must be a Moreno Valley resident.
 - o You must attend Moreno Valley College.

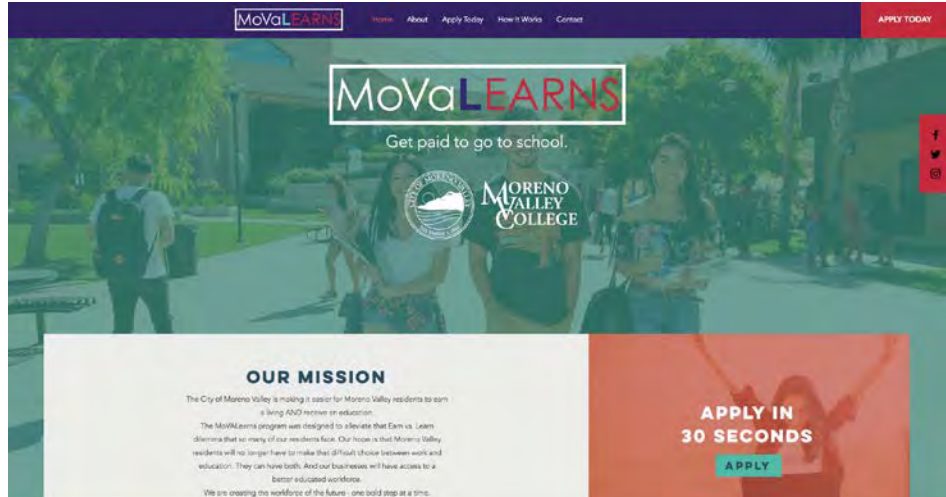
MoVaLEARNs is the latest phase in the City's award winning Hire MoVal program to help Moreno Valley residents successfully enter the workforce - and excel. Through the MoVaLEARNs program, Moreno Valley residents are eligible for a \$1000 stipend for attending classes at Moreno Valley College.

Our hope is that MoVaLEARNs will help alleviate the Earn vs. Learn dilemma so many of our residents face. Our residents shouldn't have to choose between an education and a earning a living. They can have both. And MoVaLEARNs can make it happen.

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MoVaLEARNs

Get paid to go to school.



OUR MISSION

The City of Moreno Valley is making it easier for Moreno Valley residents to earn a living AND receive an education.

The MoVaLEARNs program was designed to alleviate that Earn vs. Learn dilemma that so many of our residents face. Our hope is that Moreno Valley residents will no longer have to make that difficult choice between work and education. They can have both. And our businesses will have access to a better educated workforce.

We are creating the workforce of the future - one bold step at a time.

APPLY IN 30 SECONDS

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LIBRARY

New Library Website

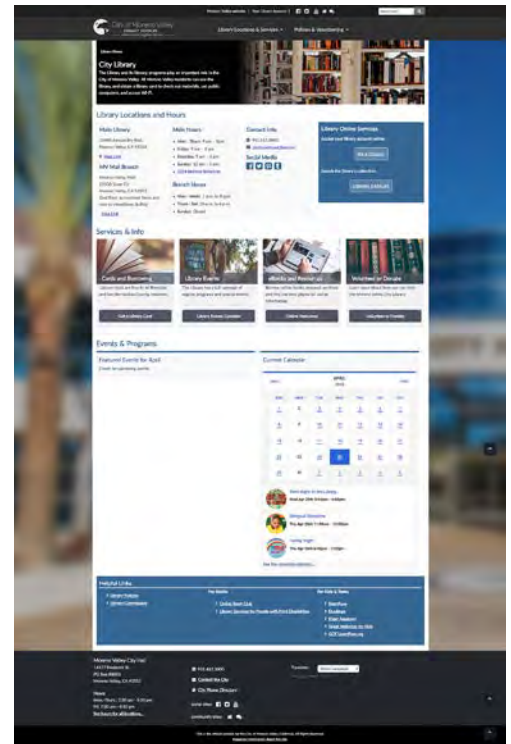
A new library website was designed to provide patrons with easy access to information about library services and programs offered at Moreno Valley's two library locations. Visit www.moval.org/library. Upcoming library events are posted at www.moval.org/library/calendar. The new website also allows residents to access to Digital Library Resources including databases and eBooks at www.moval.org/library/ebooks.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program:

Free tax preparation services are available at the Main Library on Alessandro Blvd. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program has been made possible through a partnership with Community Action Partnership (CAP). VITA services will be available at the Main Library location Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The last day to schedule an appointment for VITA services is April 14. For more information about VITA, please contact (951) 848-7607 or visit www.capriverside.itfrontdesk.com.

Library Statistics:

- Adult programs hosted 238 library patrons
- Bilingual Storytime programs hosted 170 library patrons
- Preschool Storytime programs hosted 157 library patrons



TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Citywide Camera System Expands

The project to place cameras at every Fire Station in the City has started. Within two weeks, two stations have been completed. Multiple cameras now video the exterior of each station. Live and archived video is quickly viewable by the Police and Fire Departments. The remaining stations will be fitted with cameras over the next few months. Our Firefighters work in a safer environment due to this use of technology.



Human Resources Department



RECRUITMENTS	
New Recruitments	3
Ongoing Recruitments	8
Closed Recruitments	6

EMPLOYEES

428 Total

NEW HIRES



Dennis Turner
Vehicle/Equipment Technician
Public Works Department



Laura Yavornicky
Payroll Supervisor
Human Resources Department



Maria Cervantes
Accounts Payable Supervisor
Financial & Management Services Department



Reggie Plowman
Building Inspector II
Community Development Department



Community Development Department

ANIMAL SERVICES

Sweet Paws Pet Adoption Event Results

A total of 37 pets were adopted during the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter's Sweet Paws Pet Adoption Event held February 8-14. Thirty-four pets were adopted by families and another three were adopted by rescue groups. Discounted adoption fees were all-inclusive (\$50 for dogs & \$15 for cats) covering the spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip and vaccinations.

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

BUILDING & SAFETY ACTIVITY	February 2018	February 2017
Building Permits Issued	330	167
Construction Valuation	\$82, 895, 603	\$6, 055,163

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

CODE & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES	February 2018	February 2017
Cases Initiated	459	368
Closed Case Investigations	498	586

PLANNING

PLANNING ACTIVITY	February 2018	February 2017
Entitlement Major/Minor Applications	26	8
Plan Check Submittals	73	46

On February 22, 2018, the Planning Commission took the following actions:

- The Commission approved a seven lot residential tentative tract map at 24645 Eucalyptus Avenue on 1.6 acres.
- The Commission recommended to the City Council the approval of a Municipal Code amendment to establish land use regulations for commercial cannabis activities.
- The Community Development Department approved a self-service car wash on the north side of Hemlock Avenue east of Pigeon Pass Road.
- The Community Development Department approved a 7,680 square foot America's Tire Store on an existing pad site southeast of Moreno Beach Drive and State Highway 60.



Economic Development Department

Promise Initiative/Hire MoVal Win CALED Award

On March 16, the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) honored the City of Moreno Valley as the winner of the 2018 Programs Award of Excellence for the Moreno Valley College Initiative/Hire MoVal. Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez accepted the award.

The Moreno Valley College Promise Initiative was created to help fund the first year of community college for first time students. The program offers free tuition, fees and textbooks (not covered by financial aid) for the first year of college. The program also offers priority registration to ensure 12-15 units per semester and a Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (CSEP) that maps out classes from the first semester to the last, based on the student's educational plan.

In an effort to strengthen and support the program, under the leadership of the Mayor and the City Council, the City pledged \$50,000 to pay for the second year of the program for Moreno Valley residents attending Moreno Valley College.

In the first year the program, the Moreno Valley Promise Initiative funded more than 500 students and provided additional services strengthening that student's chances for degree completion while simultaneously increasing educational attainment, a vital metric used by economic developers and expanding businesses.

"Partnering with Moreno Valley College on vital programs such as Hire MoVal and the College Promise Initiative is vital to the future economic vitality of our community," said Mayor Yxstian Gutierrez. "By helping to eliminate barriers to college attainment we invest in the most valuable asset in our community—our youth."

UNEMPLOYMENT	January 2018
Unemployment Rate	5.1%
Unemployed Count	4,700

HOME RESALE MARKET	January 2018
Home Resale Value	\$308,683
Number of Resale Transactions	142

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER	February 2018
Number of Persons Assisted	894
Number of Workshops	6
Number of Hiring Events	3

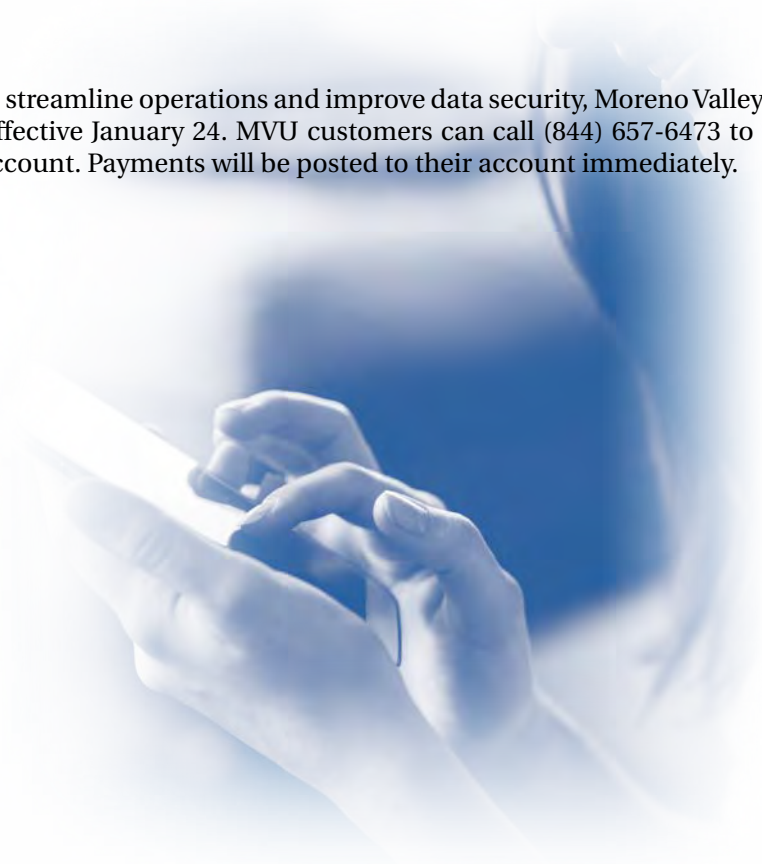


Financial & Management Services Department

ELECTRIC UTILITY

MVU Pay-by-Phone

In our continuing efforts to streamline operations and improve data security, Moreno Valley Utility (MVU) introduced a Pay-by-Phone number effective January 24. MVU customers can call (844) 657-6473 to make payments by credit card, debit card, or bank account. Payments will be posted to their account immediately.



FINANCIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

Two Federal Grant Funded Projects Approved:

The City of Moreno Valley approved two federal grant funded projects designed to make the City's Main Library more accessible to patrons of all abilities and improve traffic control and safety in our community.

These federal grant funds from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are provided under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Approximately \$300,000 will be dedicated to American with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at the City's Main Library, including installation of curb ramps, parking lot slopes, improvements to path of travel and restroom renovations.

Another \$280,000 will be dedicated to the construction of the Alessandro and Grant Traffic Signal project, which include the installation of ADA compliant curb access ramps and safety lighting along with a traffic signal. The grant allows for construction to be fast-tracked with an anticipated start date of 2018, more than a year ahead of its original start date.



Fire Department

TRAINING SESSION

Firefighters from the Moreno Valley Fire Department conducted a week-long training session in February focusing on air rescue operations and remote area rescues. Working with staff from CAL Fire Hemet Ryan Air Attack program, this annual training provided our firefighters with a valuable opportunity to perform simulated remote rescue of victims on Box Springs Mountain.

Air rescue is an emergency tool intended to quickly remove an individual from danger. This operation involves a rescuer being lowered on a hoist cable from a hovering helicopter to a victim below. After the rescuer secures a harness to the victim or places the victim in a basket, the helicopter lifts both to safety.

Teamwork between the pilot, crew chief, rescue supervisor, firefighters and the rescuer who is lowered to the ground is critical. Safety of the victim, as well as the flight crew, is stressed throughout training.



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2018 February – March Air Reserve Base Airshow MCI Drill

On February 14, the Office of Emergency Management, CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire and firefighters from the Moreno Valley Fire Department partnered with March Air Reserve Base (MARB) to conduct a full scale exercise in preparation for the 2018 MARB Air Show. The four-hour training exercise, which included including volunteers made up to resemble realistic victims, was extremely effective in helping participants prepare for the unlikely event of an air disaster. Participants included MARB, CAL Fire/Riverside County Fire, the Moreno Valley Police Department, American Medical Response, Mercy Air, CARE Ambulance, PMT Ambulance, Lynch Ambulance, Calvalry Ambulance, Riverside County Emergency Management Department, Kaiser Moreno Valley and Riverside University Health System.



Police Department

PATROL

Patrol officers responded to 13,394 calls for service during the month of February.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

The Police Department's Community Services Unit held a "Coffee with a Cop" event at a Starbucks on Perris Boulevard. More than 20 residents met with officers to share a cup of coffee, ask questions and share their concerns. Coffee with a Cop events are an effective way to break down barriers between law enforcement and the residents they serve.

Police officers also educated residents on crime prevention, handing out fliers on how to proactively avoid becoming a victim of a crime during a public awareness event in February.



CAPITAL PROJECTS

Intersection at Alessandro and Elsworth Made Safer For Pedestrians/Vehicles

A project to make the intersection at Alessandro Boulevard and Elsworth Street safer for pedestrians and vehicles and reduce flooding in the area has finished construction.

Traffic signals were upgraded and storm drains, surface draining and grading were all improved as part of the project.

The intersection was also repaved and new sidewalk panels were installed.



SPECIAL DISTRICTS

City Receives 2017 Tree City USA Designation

The Arbor Day Foundation designated Moreno Valley as a 2017 Tree City USA community, honoring the City's commitment to community forestry practices. With responsibility for management of more than 28,000 trees, the City joins more than 3,400 communities across the country that have been designated a Tree City USA. Achieving this designation successfully fulfills one of the objectives outlined in the City's Strategic Plan, Momentum MoVal. The designation demonstrates the City's commitment to beautification, community engagement, and quality of life for all of its community members.



Parks & Community Services Department

- Plans were finalized for the Springtastic Egg Hunt and Festival, scheduled for March 31 at Sunnymead Park. This year's festivities featured an egg hunt for children ages 2 to 10 years, and a designated special needs area, with more than 12,000 prize and candy-filled eggs. In addition, this year's event featured FREE rock wall climbing, bungee jumping, train rides, inflatable fun zone, and spring-themed activities after the egg hunt.
- The installation of the fitness equipment at El Potrero Park will begin next month as part of the Healthy Cities campaign. A new drinking fountain, bottle filler, and pet fountain were recently installed next to the park's bikeway, providing a convenient hydration station for bicyclists and their animal companions.
- A new playground at Westbluff Park opened in March, providing children with the opportunity to download a phone app to access an interactive treasure hunt around the playground equipment.



