

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Administration

Meeting with Federal Lobbyist

Last week members of my staff, Finance Director Rick Teichert, and Public Works Director Ahmad Ansari met with our federal lobbyist to develop a strategy to fund transportation projects as well as explore federal funding opportunities for other City needs. Jamie Jones, the City's lobbyist from the firm David Turch and Associates, discussed the current environment in Washington D.C., the prospect of securing funding for projects since "earmarks" have been removed from the appropriations process, and the approval of the reauthorization of transportation funding programs. Last July, President Obama signed into law the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). The law funds transportation programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Priority projects for funding exploration will include the SR-60 interchanges at Theodore and Redlands and the interchange at Cactus Avenue and I-215.

Staff Participating in Moreno Valley College Master Plan Effort

Assistant City Manager Michelle Dawson is participating with Dr. Sandra Mayo and other representatives of Moreno Valley College in the selection of a firm to develop a Comprehensive Integrated Master Plan for the College. Ten consulting firms responded to the College's request for proposals and the review team met last week to establish a scoring matrix and set timelines for completion of the scoring. I am pleased that our staff has been given an opportunity to participate in this effort and look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership with Moreno Valley College.

Media and Communications Division

Help Us Help You

Graphics Services will be reduced this Spring due to Meleisa Mendonca's maternity leave. We recommend that all staff think ahead for their graphics needs for this Spring. Most standing projects are being worked on ahead of time to ensure that they still meet production deadlines. Meleisa is planning to be out April-May. However, since we cannot guarantee that she will be here all of March, please request all needed graphics services by February 21, 2013.

In her absence, some small services can still be accommodated by the Media Division such as proclamations and certificates. Proofs must be approved by the City Manager's Office prior to production.

Graphics closed projects

Online Business License Postcards, 5 Proclamations, CityLink November, Street Sweeping Calendar, Administrative Citations & Notice of Violation, Veterans Day event, Inland Valley Magazine Ads, Recycling Christmas Ad, Business License Application, Soaring Winter/Spring 2013, Employment Resource Center Flyers, On the Move (Economic Development Newsletter) Winter 2012, Cactus/Nason Displays for Capital Projects, Visit Santa/Holiday Puppet posters and bookmarks for Library, Ice Bear brochure, Under Construction Closure signs, APWA Project of the Year announcement.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

Towngate Update

Efforts continue to attract new users to the five shopping centers at Towngate that surround the Moreno Valley Mall. The following represents a summary of activity ongoing at Towngate shopping centers:

• **Openings:**

- Supercuts opened a new location at 12510 Day Street in the Towngate Crossing center. This is the 2nd Supercuts location for Moreno Valley, with the other situated at Stoneridge Towne Centre.
- Chipotle Mexican Grill is moving quickly with tenant improvements for a new restaurant location in Moreno Valley at TownGate Center. Look for the new Chipotle in Moreno Valley to open in January.



• **Agreements Executed:**

- Yogurtland has executed a Lease and submitted tenant improvement plans to the City for plan check for a new location in Towngate Plaza, to be situated between Starbucks Coffee and Five Guys Burgers & Fries.

- Miguel's Jr. Mexican Restaurant has executed a Purchase Agreement and entered escrow to acquire a pad at Towngate Square. Miguel's officials are targeting the submittal of development plans to the City by early December and hope to start construction on the new restaurant to be situated on Day Street by early 2013.



Stoneridge Towne Centre

Weingarten Realty is working hard with their new leasing representative-Present Value Properties to help stabilize and better the Stoneridge Towne Centre in eastern Moreno Valley. Together, Weingarten and Present Value are working closely with the City to pursue renewing expiring leases and reuse vacant spaces, along with expanding the upscale lifestyle center including the following activity:



• Now Open:

- China One Restaurant opened in November in a 1,600 S.F. restaurant space in the Main Street area that previously was the Fish Shack.



- Audeo Charter Training Center has opened a 2,647 S.F. learning center in Main Street-just across the plaza from Bob's Big Boy Restaurant.

• Coming Soon

- Alberto's Mexican Food has executed a Lease and will be working on tenant improvements to reoccupy the former Baja Fresh restaurant space in Main Street. The new location at Stoneridge will be the 4th restaurant in Moreno Valley for Riverside based Alberto's Mexican Food.



• Lease Renewals

- See's Candies and Dress Barn have recently renewed soon to expire leases at Stoneridge.

ED-Retail Anchor Reuse Incentive Program

On December 11, the City Council approved a new incentive program to help reuse vacant anchor retail buildings. The new program to be called the Economic Development-Retail Anchor Reuse Incentive Program

will discount City fees by 50% for planning, plan check and inspection services associated with the reuse of an anchor retail building (20,000 S.F or larger). Several proposed projects will take advantage of this new program.

Kaiser Permanente Expanding In Moreno Valley

Kaiser Permanente is moving to expand its facilities and available services in Moreno Valley.



Construction work is progressing quickly on a new 75,000 S.F. medical-office building to be situated next door to Kaiser's Moreno Valley Community Hospital that it purchased in 2008. Kaiser is working with the City's Development Services staff towards a late December occupancy to facilitate bringing in furniture & equipment for the new 3-story office building that will help Kaiser better serve its membership of about 110,000 in the Moreno Valley area. Kaiser officials expect to open the new facility in three phases starting in mid-February with a full occupancy and use by mid-April.

Kaiser estimates the cost of the new building in Moreno Valley at \$48 million. Kaiser had previously invested over \$8 million in upgrades to the Moreno Valley Community Hospital after its acquisition four years ago. And hold on--more is coming. Kaiser Permanente has plans for more upgrades and expansion in Moreno Valley. On December 13, Kaiser went before the Planning Commission with plans to double the size of its Emergency Room at Community Hospital. Additionally, Kaiser officials are working on formulating plans to develop a second tower structure at Community Hospital that would nearly double the size of the 100-bed facility.

Besides upgrading and expanding facilities in Moreno Valley, Kaiser Permanente is increasing employment opportunities in the community. According to the City's recent Top 50 Major Employers Survey, over the past year Kaiser has increased its workforce in Moreno Valley to 944 in 2012—up from 802 in 2011. The increase of 142 is a 17.7% jump in the past year for employees working for Kaiser Permanente in Moreno Valley. Once fully occupied in the new 75,000 S.F. medical-office building, Kaiser expects to add 167 employees in Moreno Valley-including 62 new physicians. All this is welcome news since Kaiser Permanente recently announced in November that it would be reducing its total workforce in Southern California in December by 530-including 64 workers at

the Kaiser Permanente facility in Riverside. Look for some of the Riverside workers slated to be laid off to move to the Moreno Valley facility. It is important to note that the reduction of 530 workers in Southern California represents less than 1% of the total number of Kaiser's workforce in Southern California-which is 65,700. Kaiser Permanente, one of the largest HMO's in the U.S. has said the slight reduction in its workforce in Southern California is in anticipation of some of the challenges and uncertainties as the healthcare industry implements the provisions of the Federal government's Affordable Health Care Act, commonly called 'Obamacare'.

More Development Planned for South MV

Recently the South Moreno Valley Industrial area has been one of the most active industrial development marketplaces in Southern California and much more is likely on the way... In the past 15 months construction has been started on three buildings with a total of nearly 3 million square feet. Two more developers with another 2 million square feet with approved and entitled development plans are looking to start construction on a speculative basis in the next six months. Three developers, already with a presence in Moreno Valley, are also working to acquire more property in the South Moreno Valley area that could add another 2.7 million S.F. If all this is developed it would increase the total industrial building space in the South MV Industrial area to 12.7 million square feet, which would be a 140% increase since just 15 months ago.

New Economic Development Action Plan

The new Proposed 3-year ED Action Plan will expand the areas of focus from five to eight with the following areas proposed to be included:

- **Edgemont**-Pursuing the redevelopment of the Edgemont area through a multi-faceted revitalization strategy of 1) upgrading the water system, 2) using Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding to acquire and land bank foreclosed properties, 3) conduct frequent neighborhood clean-ups and code compliance efforts, and 4) evaluating appropriate land uses in conjunction with the possible use of an Overlay Zone.
- **Towngate**-Continue to work with CW Capital and the Fritz Duda Company with efforts to stabilize, upgrade and expand the Moreno Valley Mall and the five shopping centers in Towngate that surround the MV Mall including Towngate Center, Towngate Plaza, Towngate Crossing, Towngate Promenade and Towngate Square.
- **Festival Center**-Work with the owner of the Festival Center to explore ways to cooperate on

efforts to redevelop Festival including rehabilitation projects, along with incorporating new land use possibilities such as education facilities and sport/recreation facilities for community use.

- **Centerpointe Business Park**-Cooperate with USAA Real Estate and Ridge Property Trust to expand development and business opportunities at the Centerpointe Business Park including 1) the expansion of the Harbor Freight Tools DC campus and 2) the opening of the Centerpointe Logistics Center.
- **South Moreno Valley Industrial Area**-Facilitate new business attraction and more development activity in the South MV Industrial Area including 1) the leasing of the new 770,000 S.F. Nandina Distribution Center, 2) beginning construction of two approved/entitled projects with 2 million S.F. and 3) assist in the planning approval process for three projects that at proposing another 2.7 million S.F. of industrial buildings.
- **City Center Medical/Healthcare Corridor**-Work with Highland Fairview, Riverside County Regional Medical Center (RCRMC), Kaiser Permanente and Moreno Valley College to help facilitate the further expansion of the City's Medical/Healthcare Corridor on Nason/Iris including 1) the processing of Highland Fairview's development plans for the creation of a world class healthcare campus at Aquabella, 2) expansion of the RCRMC medical campus including facilities for the new UCR Medical School, 3) further development of Kaiser's Moreno Valley healthcare campus and 4) assistance in the development of Moreno Valley College's planned 25,000 S.F. building on Oliver that will be used for the Allied Health Science program.
- **World Logistics Center-Rancho Belago**-Collaborate with Highland Fairview on a Specific Plan and Development Agreement to assist in the development of the World Logistics Center-a master planned 41 million S.F. business park that will be branded as 'one of the largest e-commerce focused business locations in the U.S.' Included with the Specific Plan and Development Agreement will be forging a public-private partnership to help facilitate the development of new public infrastructure facilities in the Rancho Belago area including roads, trails, utilities, water & sewer lines, storm water protection and fire facilities.
- **SR 60 East Corridor**-Plan for new development opportunities along the SR 60-East corridor from Nason Street easterly to the City limits, with a goal of achieving the 'highest and best' land uses.

Moreno Valley on the Move

The winter edition of Moreno Valley on the Move has been distributed via email to more than 600 businesses, real estate professionals and site selectors. The Moreno Valley on the Move publication is the Quarterly Economic Development e-Newsletter that provides a wide variety of business and growth information on what is happening in Moreno Valley. Attached to the City Manager's Report is copy of the latest Moreno Valley on the Move.

Building & Safety Division

Development Update

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

- **Certificate of Occupancy**
 - PD Traffic Division – Public Safety Building
 - TJ Maxx/Home Goods
 - S Bar & Grill
 - Morrison Fire Station
 - Starbucks @ Lakeside Plaza
 - Edible Arrangements @ Lakeside Terrace
- **Temporary Certificate of Occupancy**
 - Round 1 @ the Moreno Valley Mall
 - Harbor Freight Tool DC @ First Inland Logistics
 - Oasis Community Church
 - McDonald's at Moreno Valley Plaza
 - Nandina Distribution Center – IDS Real Estate Group
 - Dollar Tree @ Lakeside Terrace
- **Building Permit Issued – Under Construction**
 - Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
 - Robertson's Ready Mix Concrete Plant
 - Hemlock Apartments – Rancho Belago Developers
 - Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties
 - Rancho Dorado Apartment (Phase II) – Palm Communities
 - Graham Street Center 7-11; Car wash, and Flame Broiler
 - I-215 Logistics Center – Trammell Crow Co.
- **Tenant Improvements Underway**
 - Moss GMC/Buick
 - Moss Chevrolet
 - Wizard's Party House – Jump House
 - Fitness 19 on Perris Blvd.
 - Southern Illinois University
 - PI Grill

- Chipotle @ Towngate Center
- Volkswagen of Moreno Valley
- Lumber Liquidators

- **Plan Check Underway for New Buildings**

- Inland Empire Global Logistics Center
- Panattoni Development
- Alere Property Group
- Westridge Commerce Center – Ridge Property Trust
- O'Reilly Auto on Perris Blvd.
- Family Dollar on Perris Blvd.

Walls Going Up Soon

Construction is moving quickly on Trammell Crow Company's new project, the I-215 Logistics Center. Work is nearly complete on the large slab for the 1.25 million S.F. industrial building, which is the largest building presently under construction in Southern California. Walls should begin to start going up soon. Several desirable users have expressed interest in this development project.

Robertson's Ready Mix Relocation



Work continues on the new site on Old 215 for Robertson's Ready Mix (RRM). The new concrete batch facility and conveyor system has been installed

and is nearly ready for testing. Work is progressing quickly on the perimeter walls and site improvements. Development Services staff from Building & Safety, Planning, Land Development and Fire Prevention will work with RRM towards establishing a schedule for the necessary equipment testing, as well as a temporary occupancy of the new facility as soon as possible. Both the new RRM facility on Old 215 and the existing RRM facility on Day Street will operate concurrently for a short period of time before the older facility is closed down and removed.

Holiday Inspection Coverage

A number of projects (Kaiser, USAA, Trammell Crow, Robertson's, Lumber Liquidators, Hemlock Apartments and Rancho Dorado Apartments) have requested the need for building inspection service during the City's scheduled holiday time off period. At least two inspectors from Building & Safety will be working from December 21 through December 31.

Business and Neighborhood Programs Division

Successor Agency & Oversight Board

The following is an overview of ongoing activities related to the winding down of the Redevelopment Agency.

- **Due Diligence Review Due Diligence Review Background**

The California Legislature passed AB 1484 in an effort to make technical changes and corrections to the AB 26 (the Dissolution Act) based on experiences in unwinding former RDA activities across the state. AB 1484 requires the Successor Agency to retain a licensed accountant to conduct separate Due Diligence Reviews (DDR), one related to housing assets and obligations (Housing DDR) and the other related to non-housing assets and obligations (Non-Housing DDR), for the purpose of determining the unobligated fund balances available for transfer to local taxing agencies.

- **Housing Due Diligence Review**

The Housing DDR was completed by a licensed accountant and approved by the Oversight Board on October 15, 2012 prior to being submitted to the Department of Finance (“DOF”) and the County Auditor-Controller (“CAC”) for approval. The report revealed that no unobligated funds were available to transfer to other taxing agencies.

On November 16, 2012, the DOF responded with a letter challenging the results of the Housing DDR. Successor Agency staff requested an appeal of the DOF decision and participating mort and cantor session with DOF. A determination letter is forthcoming from DOF.

- **Non-Housing Due Diligence Review**

On December 11, 2012, the Successor Agency (City Council) reviewed the results of the Non-Housing DDR and authorized staff to submit the report to the Oversight Board for review and approval. The Oversight Board will conduct two meetings, one on December 12 and another on January 9, to discuss the results of the report and to solicit comments from the public or other taxing agencies prior to submitting the report and to the Department of Finance (“DOF”) and the County Auditor-Controller (“CAC”) for approval.

- **Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS)**

On October 14, 2012, the Successor Agency received a correspondence from the DOF disallowing several items listed as enforceable obligations on the Successor Agency’s ROPS III for the period of January to June 2013. Successor Agency Representatives, Rick Teichert, Barry Foster, and Mayor Stewart, met with the DOF on November 5th in Sacramento to appeal this

determination. A final disposition of the appeal will be provided by DOF.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program Update

The following is a summary of NSP activity in Moreno Valley:

- **NSP1**

The NSP1 Program is proposed for amendment to include HUD-approved eligible activities that were not incorporated into the original NSP1 Program. Currently, the NSP1 Program focuses on acquisition, rehabilitation, and resale/rental efforts, as well as providing homebuyer assistance loans to assist income-eligible first-time homebuyers. Staff is proposing to expand the program to include demolition, rehabilitation, and land banking activities. The inclusion of these activities will work better with recent market conditions and afford the City the flexibility needed when determining how to best utilize the approximate \$3.5 million of Program Income that has been generated through the resale of single family properties.

- **NSP3**

An amendment to the NSP3 Program is proposed to redefine one of the existing Target Areas to include the Edgemont Area. The City is currently devising a comprehensive revitalization plan – known as the Edgemont Revitalization Plan – for this area with the intention of layering resources to redevelop the area to create economic development opportunities. The City will utilize NSP funds to address some of the housing needs of the area. Additionally, the City will be making a concerted effort to focus on land banking – acquiring properties now for future redevelopment.

In the recent past, the Development Partners have found it challenging to identify properties that meet the minimum rehabilitation standard while staying within the subsidy limit. In response, amendments are being proposed for both programs to eliminate the subsidy limits and the minimum rehabilitation requirement of \$15,000. Since the rehabilitation and subsidy requirements are not HUD-imposed, the City will remain in compliance with the NSP guidelines.

The expenditure deadline for NSP1 and NSP3 is early spring 2013. The expansion of the eligible activities in NSP 1, the redefinition of the Target Areas in the NSP3 Program, and the removal of the subsidy/rehabilitation restrictions is planned to

broaden the options and opportunities, in adhering to HUD expenditure requirements.

- **Myers Park Apartment Project**

Construction on Myers Park Apartments - located at 24410 and 24420 Myers Avenue - began on October 29, 2012. The project includes rehabilitation of 27, two-bedroom units to include bathroom and kitchen remodels, new flooring, new energy efficient windows, paint, and appliance upgrades. Exterior site improvements include landscaping, painting, new roof and HVAC units, and parking lot paving. The total direct construction budget for the project is \$1,220,267 with funds being provided by the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The project Developer is Mary Erickson Community Housing who has contracted with Trilar Property Management Company to lease and manage the property. The projected project completion date is March 29, 2013.

Major Employers Survey-2012

The City's Top 50 Major Employer's Survey was recently updated for 2012. The Top 50 Employer's list for 2012 included a total of 30,095 employees as compared to the total of 29,052 for the Top 50 Employers in 2011. The increase of 1,043 total employees was a 3.6% increase from the previous year. Some notable increases for 2012 included Harbor Freight Tools (304 more employees), IHerb (252 more employees), Riverside County Regional Medical Center (184 more employees), Kaiser Permanente (142 more employees), Ross Stores DC (130 more employees) and the Moreno Valley Mall (120 more employees-not counting anchor stores). All of these businesses are located within the ED Action Plan areas. A new retail store—the TJ Maxx & HomeGoods Superstore opened last August and made the Top 50 list with 145 employees. Only 12 of the Top 50 Employers reduced their workforce in 2012. The three notable declines in workforces in 2012 were in the public government sector including March Air Reserve Base (decrease of 400), Moreno Valley Unified School District (decrease of 124) and Moreno Valley College (decrease of 104). A reduction in public sector employment is a trend everywhere in Southern California. *(Attached is the comparison for 2012 and 2011.)*

RCTC's Small Business Expo

The City of Moreno Valley helped host and participated in RCTC's (Riverside County Transportation Commission's) Small Business Expo, which was held Thursday November 29 at the Moreno Valley Conference & Recreation Center. Denise Bagley from

Economic Development-Business Support and a representative from Public Works worked a booth at the event, which attracted several hundred people. Besides having trade show booths, the event had a number of informational programs aimed at helping small businesses in Riverside County.

Business Spotlight

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the community's awareness of the many diverse businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses showcased at the November 13 City Council meeting were Outback Steakhouse and Edible Arrangements. Business for the December 11 meeting was McDonald's and Chicago Pasta House.

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

- **AAMCO Transmission of Moreno Valley**—Grand Re-opening of this facility was held on November 29 by the new owner who purchased the business August 2012. The new owner likes the location at 22886 Alessandro—just west of Frederick Street, as well as growth potential for a business in a growing community.
- **Bestteks**—New business name (formerly was the 'Computer Guy') and new location at 12981 Perris for computer repair and office machine service business.
- **Joseph Danesh, DDS Inc.**—Oral Surgeon purchased an established dental operation in Fall 2012 with a total staff of 9 that has an office location at 24104 Sunnymead Boulevard-just behind Tuckers Tax Service.

Code & Neighborhood Services Division

Neighborhood Clean-up Events

The Code & Neighborhood Services Division will be conducting three more clean-up events this spring as part of the annual clean-up campaign.

The first event is scheduled Saturday, March 16, 2012, within Council District Two. The Clean-up Event will service the homeowners who reside on Quapaw Trail, Pawnee Trail, Chippewa Trail and Summerfield Drive. The second event will occur on Saturday, April 20, 2012, in Council District One. This clean-up will benefit the property owners who reside on Charity Court, Henry Court, Drake Drive, Michelle Lane, Kyle Drive, Silver Lane and Gold Place. The final Neighborhood Clean-up for this fiscal year is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2012, within Council District Four. The final clean-up will service the homeowners

on Wedow Drive, Nan Avenue, Cobra Drive and Ninya Avenue.

All events are scheduled to occur between the hours of 7:30 AM through 12:00 noon. Dumpsters will be provided to residents in these areas and all homeowners in the area will be encouraged to participate. Code and Neighborhood Services staffs work closely with Public Works and Waste Management in conducting the Neighborhood Clean-ups.

Foreclosures and Squatters

Moreno Valley has recently received attention about residential squatters via two articles in the Press Enterprise (PE) from Lora Lines and Dan Bernstein. The articles suggest that a number of other cities have been proactive against foreclosures and squatters and Moreno Valley hasn't. In reality—Moreno Valley has been proactive with foreclosures and is looking to do more with residential squatters. In 2008 and 2009, the PE published articles praising the City of Moreno Valley's success with foreclosures and being proactive in ensuring the proper maintenance of bank-owned residential properties.

The PE seems to be confusing two separate issues: vacant bank-owned property registration ordinances by which some cities address code compliance violations in foreclosed properties vs. unauthorized occupancy or trespassing of vacant residential properties—commonly called squatting. When a flood of foreclosures hit the residential market in the Inland Empire in 2008, Moreno Valley created the Foreclosure Strike Team to enforce State law and Municipal Codes regarding bank-owned maintenance responsibilities for foreclosed residential properties. Together, the Code & Neighborhood Services Division, Building & Safety Division and City Attorney office have aggressively enforced public nuisance violations to properly maintain and secure more than 2,000 bank-owned vacant residential properties in Moreno Valley over a 4-year period. Please note that the foreclosure numbers and amount of bank-owned properties in Moreno Valley has decreased significantly and there are presently less than 400 bank-owned residential properties in Moreno Valley which represents less than 1% of all the single family residential homes in Moreno Valley.

The removal of trespassers or squatters is more complicated and is often times determined to be a civil matter between the property owner and the party that is supposedly trespassing. According to State and Federal Fair Housing Laws, if a squatter refuses to comply, enforcement is a civil issue and handled through the courts.

The Moreno Valley Police Department has reported that they worked on squatting cases with 28 residential properties City wide in 2012. City staff (Code & Neighborhood Services, City Attorney's Office, City Manager's Office, and the Police Department) are exploring a number of ways to enhance communication with the established Home Owner Associations (HOA's) on identifying possible squatters trespassing in bank-owned properties. At the January 15, 2013 Study Session, the City Council will have an opportunity to discuss a number of ways to address the problems with people trespassing and living in foreclosed and bank-owned homes in Moreno Valley.

Land Development Division

Development Update

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

• **Grading Permits Issued**

- Kaiser Permanente Medical Office Building
- Robertson's Ready Mix Concrete Plan
- Hemlock Family Apartments – Rancho Belago Developers
- Centerpointe Logistics Center – Overton Moore Properties
- Rancho Dorado Apartments (Phase II) – Palm Communities
- I-215 Logistics Center-Trammell Crow Co.
- Graham Street Center
- O'Reilly Auto on Perris Blvd.

• **Plan Check Underway for Grading Plans**

- Inland Empire global Logistics Center-Panattoni Development
- Alere Property Group
- Vogel Development
- Westridge Commerce Center
- O'Reilly Auto Parts and Family Dollar on Perris Blvd.

Inspections Continue During Holiday Period

A number of projects have requested inspection services from Land Development during the City's scheduled holiday time off period. On call inspectors from Land Development will be available to work as needed from December 21 through December 31.

SCE Oversized Load

On Tuesday night December 11, 2012, Perkins Transportation traveled through Moreno Valley with another oversized load with another storm generator retired from SCE's San Onofre Nuclear Generating Plant near San Clemente. The move through Moreno Valley started at 9 PM at the City's southerly border on Perris

Boulevard and then went along Alessandro Boulevard and into the city of Riverside. This was the 3rd of four pieces from the obsolete steam generator being removed from San Onofre to a location near Salt Lake City Utah. A special Department of Transportation permit was obtained for the shipment of this unit.

Planning Division

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meeting on November 29, 2012, included the following items:

- Three Plot Plans and a Change of Zone related to the RPT Centerpointe West Project. The project proposes 1) a 507,720 square foot expansion of the existing Harbor Freight warehouse building at the northwest corner of Graham Street and Cactus Avenue, 2) a new 607,920 square foot warehouse building at the northwest corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue and 3) a new 164,720 square foot warehouse building or truck/trailer parking at the northeast corner of Frederick Street and Cactus Avenue. The last building requires a zone change from Business Park – Mixed Use to Light Industrial. The applicant is the Ridge Property Trust. Due to the inclusion of a zone change application, the project was be forwarded to the City Council for final review and action on December 11, 2012.
- A Plot Plan, Conditional Use Permit, Tentative Tract Map, and Variance related to the Continental Villages project located at the northeast corner of Lasselle Street and Krameria Avenue in Moreno Valley Ranch. The project proposes a 125-unit apartment complex, 56 clustered for sale units, 36 detached single family units, a recreation center and open space lots. The site was previously approved for 227 condominium units. The Conditional Use Permit provides flexibility with the multi-family zoning on the property to permit the three types of residential units. The Variance provides for reduced setbacks along Lasselle Street in recognition of an expanded street parkway and extensive slopes in that portion of the site. The applicant is Continental East Fund III. The Planning Commission approved the project and all actions.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission was December 13, 2012, with the following items:

- Four Plot Plans, a specific Plan Amendment and a General Plan Amendment related to the March Business Center. The proposed project is located at the southeast corner of Heacock Street and Iris Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The

project proposes four industrial/warehouse buildings, ranging in size for 16,732 to 1,103,003 square feet, with a total of 1,484,407 square feet of building area. The Specific Plan and General Plan amendments propose to realign and downgrade Krameria Avenue between Indian and Heacock Streets from an Arterial to an Industrial Collector to reflect anticipated traffic volumes. The applicant is Western Realco. Due to the inclusion of the Specific Plan and General Plan amendments, the project will be forwarded to the City Council for final review and action in January.

- One Plot Plan and two Amended Plot Plans related to the proposed expansion of the emergency room at the Kaiser Hospital.

Administrative Approvals

The following are recent administrative approvals:

- Amended Conditional Use Permit to allow easterly driveway for the Sunnymead Shell Station to be opened for general traffic. The driveway had previously been gated and restricted to fuel delivery trucks and emergency vehicles access only. The driveway may be required to close in the future should the full access result in traffic safety issues.
- Plot Plan to establish a new restaurant in an existing retail building in Towngate Plaza at Frederick Street and Centerpointe Drive. The new tenant (Yogurtland) will be located between Starbucks Coffee and Five Guys Burgers.
- Plot Plan to establish a rental car office (Avis) and storage at the existing Sears Auto Center at the Moreno Valley Mall.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to convert a child daycare center to an adult daycare center (The Bliss Center) in a free-standing facility at 24693 Ironwood Avenue.
- Variance for a minor reduction in required parking related to the conversion of a service station repair garage to a convenience store at 25020 Alessandro Boulevard.
- Plot Plan to convert an attic space to storage and a restroom at an existing gasoline service station located at 24840 Sunnymead Boulevard.

Recent Case Submittals

Below are recent Planning case submittals:

- General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone from R5(Residential – up to 5 units per acre) to CC (Community Commercial) for a twenty-acre site at the northwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Santiago Avenue.
- Tentative Parcel Map to create two lots near the southeast corner of Frederick Street and Sunnymead Boulevard. One parcel would be for an

existing car wash and the other would be for an existing commercial building, allowing either building to be sold or refinanced separately.

- Pre-application for a gasoline fueling facility at the northeast corner of Indian Street and Alessandro Boulevard related to the nearby Food 4 Less Supermarket.
- Plot Plan to establish a restaurant and market (Wing and Fish Market) in an existing shopping center at 14051 Indian Street.
- Plot Plan to repaint with new colors and make other exterior modifications to the existing Applebee’s Restaurant at Towngate Promenade on Day Street.
- Monument Signs for the Hemlock Family Apartments.
- Sign Program Amendment to allow additional signs for the Winco Supermarket at Towngate Square on Day Street.
- Monument Signs for the Kaiser Hospital complex on Iris Avenue.
- Plot Plan for the exterior remodel of the Joe’s Italian Restaurant on Alessandro Boulevard.
- Amended Plat Plan to revise an existing approval for an industrial/warehouse project (Apache Cornel) on Perris Boulevard in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area to allow one building rather than the two previously approved.

Western Realco - March Business Park Project

The Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was released for public review on November 29, 2012. The project reviewed by the Planning Commission at the December 13, 2012, meeting. The FEIR provides a full discussion and analysis of the potential environmental impacts identified in the Initial Study for the proposed project, most notably traffic, air quality and greenhouse gas emissions. The FEIR also includes responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR from responsible agencies and interested parties. A total of seven comments were received on the Draft EIR.

FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Technology Services Division

Status of the Citywide Camera project

The purpose of this project is to give the Police Department a way to enhance public safety without increasing the recurring cost of adding new police officers. After a long & detailed RFP process, the PD & Technology Services



chose Avrio Group Surveillance Solutions as the vendor to implement the solution. Tom Tucker is the City’s Project Manager. We have approved the wireless radio design, the camera selections, and are submitting permits shortly so that installation throughout the City can begin.

MVPD has held 9 Community meetings concerning this project and has visited several Home Owner Associations to discuss the project. The camera system has been well received once citizens were assured that these were not “red light” cameras nor could they be used to see into houses. Having established those facts, citizens have been very supportive of the PD and the project; several businesses have inquired about allowing the PD to view existing cameras in their businesses. This will be an excellent way to partner with local businesses to expand the system utility and capability without investing in new equipment.

Camera Sites - Intersections

Alessandro & Heacock	Indian & Cottonwood
Alessandro & Indian	Indian & Ironwood
Alessandro & Moreno Beach	Iris & Lasselle
Alessandro & Nason	Iris & Moreno Beach
Alessandro & Perris	Iris & Perris
Alessandro & Redlands	Ironwood & Graham
Day & Cottonwood	Ironwood & Pigeon Pass
Day St. & Box Springs.	Ironwood & Redlands
Day St. & Campus	JFK & Perris
Day St. & Eucalyptus	Kitching & Alessandro
Frederick & Alessandro	Lasselle & Cactus
Frederick & Center Point	Lasselle & Rancho Verde HS
Frederick & Cottonwood	Old HWY 215 & Alessandro
Frederick & Dracaea	Old HWY 215 & Cactus
Frederick & Sunnymead Blvd	Perris & Cottonwood
Heacock & Dracaea	Perris & Dracaea
Heacock & Fir	Perris & Eucalyptus
Heacock & Ironwood	Perris & Hemlock
Heacock & JFK	Perris & Ironwood
Heacock & San Michele	Perris & Nandina
Hemlock & Heacock	Pigeon Pass & Old Lake Rd.
Hemlock & Pigeon Pass	Sunnymead & Indian
HWY 60 & Moreno Beach	Sunnymead & Perris
HWY 60 & Nason	Sunnymead Blvd & Graham
HWY 60 E Perris off ramp & Sunnymead	Sunnymead Blvd. & Heacock
HWY 60 E/B on ramp & Sunnymead	Sunnymead Ranch PKY & Heacock
HWY 60 N/S & Heacock	Sunnymead Ranch PKY & Old Lake
Indian & Bay	Sunnymead Ranch PKY & Perris

Camera Sites – Parks

Camino Flores & Gentian Park
MV Community Park
Pedrorena Park
Sunnymead Park
Towngate Memorial Park
Victoriano Park
West Bluff Park
Woodland Park

Accommodations for future cameras are being made at the Lasselle Sports Park.

Treasury Operations Division

On-Line Business License Renewal Awareness

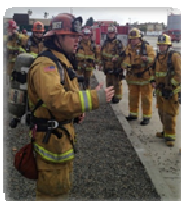
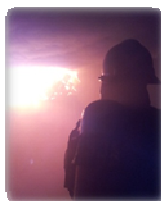
In an era where everyone is looking for ways to accomplish things faster, simpler and more efficiently, the City Business License program is no different. During the week before Thanksgiving, the Treasury Operations Division sent a postcard reminder to all businesses reminding them of the upcoming renewal season and stressing the availability of the On-Line Renewal process. The On-Line Renewal process provides a number of benefits to businesses. First, the automated form extracts business specific data and populates the form automatically. This reduces the amount of time businesses must spend completing the tax form. Second, the taxes and fees are calculated for the applicant and listed on the form. In cases where no tax is due, the form will identify this and populate the tax amount with zero. A number of tax returns are submitted every year with overpayment of the gross receipt tax. This is where the third benefit or the “**Efficiency**” factor comes into play. When businesses overpay, the City issues refunds to the taxpayer, a process which is labor intensive and costly. So if you are a local business or doing business in Moreno Valley, keep your postcard handy and when the renewal notices come out in mid-December get the PIN number off of your renewal notice, log into www.moval.org/do_biz and renew. It’s just that quick and easy. Thank you for doing business in Moreno Valley!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department

Fire Drill for Volunteer Reserve Firefighters

On Saturday December 1, career staff from the Moreno Valley Fire Department coordinated and instructed a “live



fire” exercise for seven of our Volunteer Reserve Firefighters and four County Volunteer Reserve Firefighters. The drill was conducted at the CALFIRE/Riverside County Fire Department’s Ben Clark Training Center. Battalion Chief Silvio Lanzas served as the Incident Commander and ensured all NFPA 1403 guidelines and restrictions were followed and that the drill was in adherence with all department policies.

The training began with a modern fire behavior demonstration utilizing the Burn Cube. The reserve firefighters were then divided into three groups with each group rotating through the three key functional positions on today’s fire ground.

The first rotation was “Fire Attack”, where reserve firefighters were required to pull a 1-3/4” hoseline into a second floor fire room where they were expected to knock down the fire. An emphasis was placed on proper hose placement, movement and deployment.

The second rotation was “BUC Crew”. This group of reserve firefighters were assigned to pulling a second hoseline into a position that best supported the initial actions of the “Fire Attack” team. This rotation had an extra emphasis of hose deployment and hose management techniques.

The third rotation was for “Search and Rescue”, where reserve firefighters were asked to pull a hoseline and search the 1st and 2nd floor of the structure for any victims. All rotations worked well with each other, and all of the reserve firefighters performed well.

This exercise could not have been conducted without the assistance of the following instructors:

- Fire Captain Dave Rodriguez
- Fire Captain Paul Heitmann
- Fire Captain Dan Lopez
- Fire Captain Josh Janssen
- Fire Captain Danny Drake
- Fire Apparatus Engineer Dave Morrison
- Fire Apparatus Engineer Kyle Wallace
- Fire Apparatus Engineer Nico Godoy

Fire Explorers

During the week of November 14, the Fire Department sent eleven Fire Explorers from both Fire Station 6 and 58 along with two advisors to the 21st Inland Empire Fire Explorer Academy, which



was conducted at the United States Army National Training Center in Fort Irwin, CA.

The Fire Explorer Academy provided our Explorers with four days of hands on firefighting training with this year's focus on Fire Control III; Structural Firefighting; Flammable Liquids and Gases; Firefighter Safety and Survival; and Rapid Intervention Crew (RIC) drills. The Fire explorers also received in-depth training in Confined Space Rescue, Ventilation, and the utilization of power tools. All of our Explorers received a certificate of completion that they will be able to use in their future career development path.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau met with the Property Manager from the Lakeside Plaza Shopping Center to discuss Fire Department procedures for new businesses wanting to locate in their center. Fire Prevention staff provided a road map for leasing agents and property managers to ensure that all fire regulations for tenant improvements are known when leases are signed by prospective tenants. Communicating information in this setting prepares business for the final inspection process so that they can plan their openings with all fire & life safety conditions being met.

The Fire Chief and Fire Marshal met with Oscar Valdepena at the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce to discuss the importance of businesses installing Knox boxes for their tenant spaces. Knox boxes allow the Fire Department to make access to tenant spaces in an emergency without damaging building storefronts and doors, as well as securing the building in the event of a false alarm when the owner is not present. The Fire Prevention Bureau will prepare an Informational Bulletin regarding Knox boxes for distribution at the Chamber of Commerce for new businesses.

The Fire Prevention Bureau has completed all inspections for the Commerce Center spec warehouse located at the corner of Frederick and Cactus. Once a tenant has been identified, Fire Prevention staff will begin the approval and inspection process for tenant improvements and permit issuance for high piled storage.

Significant Events

On November 21, Towngate Fire Engine 6 and Sunnymead Ranch Engine 48 responded to a report of an 80 year old male in full arrest. Engine 6 was on scene within three minutes of dispatch time and found the patient laying on the bedroom floor, not breathing, and pulseless. The patient did display a viable heart rhythm on the heart monitor and CPR was initiated, an airway

was inserted, and interveinous drug therapy was stated. Three minutes after the first round of cardiac drugs was administered, the patient presented with a heart rhythm. The patient was then transported to the local area hospital. Later in the evening the patient was transferred to the ICU and is expected to survive. Given the patient's age and unknown down time, his recovery can be attributed to the rapid response and advance life support care given by the crews of Engine 6, Engine 48, and AMR 302.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Human Resources

The City's **MotiVate** Wellness program provided employees with information regarding Diabetes awareness and treatment, and announced openings in the Self-Defense class offered free of charge to all City employees.

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

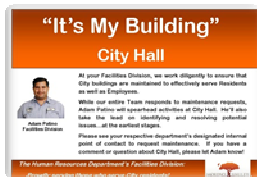
- Vehicle Equipment Technician (FTC, 52 applicants). Interviews scheduled.
- Recreation Aides-Banquet Facilities (FTC, 161 applicants). Applications being screened, interviews pending.
- Recreation Aide – Sports Official (PT/Temp, 106 applicants). Interviews conducted, candidates selected. Recruitment closed.
- Recreation Aide – Sports Programs (PT/Temp, 141 applicants). Closed 8/23/12. Interviews conducted, candidates selected. Recruitment closed.
- Laborer - Maintenance & Operations (PT/Temp-2 positions, 214 applicants). Interviews conducted, candidates selected. Recruitment closed.
- Animal Care Technician (PT/Temp, 205 applicants). Closed 10/11/12. Interviews conducted, candidates selected. Recruitment closed.
- Alternate Crossing Guard (PT/Temp, 78 applicants). Opened 10/15/12, closed 10/25/12. Interviews conducted, candidates selected. Recruitment closed.
- Sr. Payroll Technicians (PT/Temp -2 positions, 75 applicants). Interviews conducted, 2 candidates selected. Recruitment closed.

Facilities Division

The Facilities Division rolled out the "It's My Building" program, which designates an individual member of the

Maintenance Team as having primary responsibility for key facilities.

While several members of the Division respond to routine maintenance requests, a designated individual will spearhead activities for City Hall, the Conference & Recreation Center and the Public Safety Building. The program will allow a single maintenance professional to identify and resolve potential issues at the earliest stage possible.



Final building corrections have been issued to the contractor for the John F. Kennedy Park Cell Tower.

Plant material (vines and shrubs) for the TownGate Community Center patio have been received and will be installed next week.

The arbor, screening, and trees have been installed at the Conference & Recreation Center patio. Vines have been ordered and will be planted this month to provide additional privacy.

Animal Services Division

John's Incredible Pizza Company Donates \$1,248 to Animal Shelter

John's Incredible Pizza Company notified the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter that it will donate \$1,248 to assist homeless pets at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter, via its fundraiser to assist homeless pets in Southern California. Over \$11,000 was raised during the company-wide IncrediBear's Birthday Wish Fundraiser, with funds to be distributed to Animal Shelters throughout the region. The \$1,248 donation will be used by the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter to defer the costs of spay and neuter services for adoptable pets during the 14th Annual "Iams Home 4 the Holidays Pet Adoption Campaign" which runs through January 2, 2013.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Announcement

Lisa Smethurst, Executive Assistant in the Parks & Community Services Department, was selected as one of the Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2013 Citizens of the Year. She will be honored at the Chamber's Installation Dinner on Friday, January 25.

Special Events

The Senior Community Center will be holding its 20th Anniversary of the Senior Community Center on December 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This event will be an open house with live entertainment and a dinner, and staff and seniors will be showcasing their activities, classes, and special events.

Park Projects

The majority of the Lasselle Sports Park site has been graded. All building permits have been issued and more than fifty percent of product submittals have been approved. Foundations for the building are currently being excavated.

Parks Maintenance Division

Projects completed include signage for golf course; verticut all greens at the golf course; aerated and sanded all greens; and aerated and fertilized sports field.

Projects in progress include tree planting at various park sites (ongoing); remove old and install new ET irrigation controllers at 19 park sites (ongoing); trim hedges at various park sites (80% complete); grade infields at baseball sites; repair playgrounds at Gateway and Pedorenna Parks; repair infields and bring to playing conditions at March Middle School; weed all trails and parks; put decomposed granite on all trails (50% complete); place fiber at Patriot Park playground; work on irrigation at Celebration, Vista Lomas, and Rancho Verde Parks for EMWD compliance; overseed golf course; work on irrigation at golf course; and plant cherry trees at the CRC.

Vandalism and graffiti have been reported at the following areas: Aqueduct (\$86), Bayside (\$114), Bethune (\$24), Celebration (\$41), Cold Creek Trail (\$323) Community (\$184), Edison (\$41), El Potrero (\$116), Gateway (\$41), JFK (\$170), Parque Amistad (\$59), Pedorenna (\$25), Ridgcrest (\$41), Sunnymead (\$193), TownGate (\$383), Valley Skate Park (\$30), Victoriana (\$305), Westbluff (\$140), Weston (\$48), and Woodland (\$107). The total cost for vandalism/graffiti was \$2,471. Total labor hours for vandalism/graffiti were 50.5 hours, approximately 6 full-time work days.

Court referrals performed a total of 495 hours. The total hours for court referrals in 2012 are 4,780 which equates to approximately 598 full-time work days.

Recreation Division

Recreation and Sports

November was a busy month for the Time for Tots program. For the month, there were more than 250 registered children ages three to five year. In addition to the fall-themed educational curriculum, November also

featured special activity days such as Election Day, Crazy Hair Day, and the annual Thanksgiving Feast.

Staff held the Time for Tots annual Winter Celebration at the Conference and Recreation Center on December 5. The children performed three holiday classic carols and received a special visit from Santa Claus, who assisted with the exciting gift exchange. There were approximately 500 parents and guests along with 125 children from the Time for Tots program attending.

Registration was high for many youth and adult classes including Dance Explorations, Hip-Hop, Ballet, Ballet/Acro, Kung-fu, and Watercolor Technique. Staff and selected contract instructors are preparing for the annual Winter Contract Class Performance. This exciting, musical event will be held on December 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Grand Valley Ballroom and will feature performances from many of the youth and adult classes.

Fall Valley Kids Camp was held November 19 through November 21 and saw a similar number of registrations compared to years past. Attending children spent their vacations from school creating creative holiday and seasonal crafts, playing fun-filled games and activities, and much more. Staff are now busy preparing for the upcoming winter camp available at the March Field Park Community Center from December 26 through January 11. December and January are sure to be exciting at Valley Kids Camp.

The second fall Movies in the Gym was held on November 15 at 6:30 p.m. inside the Conference and Recreation Center's Gymnasium. Local residents enjoyed the movie Pocahontas, as well as themed decorations and face painting. Staff would like to thank the high school volunteers from Vista Del Lago for their assistance with the fun-filled event. The Polar Express is the final winter movie scheduled until summer 2013, and will be viewed on December 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Letters to Santa were available until December 13. Local children may drop off their letters at the Conference & Recreation Center, just in time for the holiday. Children can also receive a specialized response from Santa Claus if they include a self-addressed stamped envelope with their letter. Santa's helpers within the City will ensure that all of the letters reach Santa Claus.

Santa Live was held on December 3 on MVTV-3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The telephone lines were consistently busy with callers wishing to speak to Santa Claus and tell him what they would like for Christmas.

Santa and accompanying host asked holiday trivia questions with winners gaining prizes.

On December 8 community children ages two to twelve years attended Breakfast with Santa inside the Conference & Recreation Center's Grand Valley Ballroom. Participants enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared specifically for them. The children were entertained with a morning of crafts, music, games, and had a special visit with Santa Claus.

The Jr. Chef Workshop was held at the TownGate Community Center on December 11. Attending children, ages four to twelve years, enjoyed an evening of creative crafts that they took home to share with friends and family.

The Holiday Craft was held on December 13 at the TownGate Community Center. Children ages four to twelve years spent a fun-filled evening getting their hands sticky putting together fantastic holiday treats.

The seasonal holiday events concluded on December 15. Local children of all ages visited with Santa Claus to receive a free gift (while supplies last) at the Conference & Recreation Center. This complementary, family-oriented event in conjunction with the non-profit organization Brothers and Sisters of Hope, also featured face painting, games, activities, and raffles.

Pee Wee and Junior Basketball League ended with the award banquets on November 19 and 20. There were 120 participants, ages three to seven, improving their skills in the fundamentals of basketball.

Registration is complete for the Youth Basketball League, which begins in January.

Grant Program

"A Child's Place" is in full holiday spirit. On December 11, children from both "A Child's Place" and "THINK Together" caroled throughout City Hall and live in front of the City Council. The children worked hard these last couple of weeks rehearsing their lyrics. Children were treated to a special pre-dinner before the big show. "A Child's Place" program also collaborated with the Moreno Valley Police Department for their annual Operation Holiday Cheer program. Many of our families who are facing hardships this holiday season have been selected to participate in the annual event.

Senior Community Center

On November 30, the Center held its Holiday Craft Fair. There were 12 vendors and approximately 100 visitors to

the fair, where various holiday items were available for purchase.

The November Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on November 29. This event was sponsored by the Friends of Moreno Valley Senior Center, who provided a free meal and a box of candy. Miller Jones Mortuary donated the cake and ice cream.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Improving Your Quality of Life Through Improved Awareness (Part 4 of 5)

The Moreno Valley Police Department (MVPD) is continuing its five part series to improve awareness and reduce the probability of becoming a victim of certain common crimes. This fourth installment provides information about "Work-at-Home" scams.

The "Work-at-Home" scams are often successful because they take advantage the prospective victims' natural desire to make easy money from the comfort of their own home. Like some of the other scams we have discussed in this series, the emotion created by such opportunities often reduces the victims' better sense of judgment. In the case of the "Work-at-Home" scams, victims are so excited by the prospect of earning a living without leaving their home that they unwittingly fall for the scam. As we talked about in previous segments, if it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is. While there are many legitimate work-at-home enterprises available, it is always prudent to pay attention to the details when investigating a work-at-home opportunity.

Some of the more typical "Work-at-Home" scams are initiated by advertisements for work related to medical billing, stuffing envelopes, or building crafts. When the interested people respond to the advertisement, the scammer asks them to pay a fee for any number of different startup costs. Then once the scammer receives the fee, he disappears.

The medical billing scam often involves an upfront fee for materials or software in exchange for the promise of a rewarding income once your home business is up and running. The scam is that the scammer is selling common software or materials at an inflated price. The same software or materials can be purchased on the open market at a much lower cost. Medical Billing is a legitimate business, so if you research the related training program or software you can significantly reduce the probability of falling for this scam.

Some of the more common envelop stuffing scams actually turn the victim into the scammer. Victims who respond to the envelope stuffing advertisements, usually

pay a fee hoping to receive information about an envelope stuffing business. What the victim actually receives is a copy of the same flyer "template" that they responded too. In addition to the flyer template, they receive instruction to use the template to create their own flyers and post them in their neighborhoods. The flyer requests interested parties mail in \$2 and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If the victim uses the flyer, he or she becomes the scammer and receives \$2 from each person who responds to the flyer.

In the Craft Building scam, the scammer requests a fee for a craft kit. The victim's job is to return the completed craft for payment. The problem is that the scammer denies the victim payment citing substandard work, even if the work was done perfectly. The scammer has no market for the completed crafts and he has made his money by selling the craft materials at an inflated price.

The following tips are intended to help reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of these types of scams:

1. Research the person or organization offering the work-at-home opportunity. If the organization is legitimate, you can easily research the organization with the Better Business Bureau.
2. Be extremely suspicious when dealing with an out-of-country organization. Your recourse, for fraud can be extremely limited.
3. Examine the fine print or details. Before money changes hands investigate the materials and support they are offering. A legitimate company will be open about how they do business and what you can expect from them. If you get the run-around or if the proposition seems shady, it probably is.
4. Many professions require special training, schooling or certification. Determine before you pay if you will need additional training, schooling, or certification before you can begin earning a living in the offered business.
5. Research the viability of the market for the service or product presented in the work-at-home opportunity.
6. Determine if there is a refund policy in place for the products offered.

Next issue: Internet Access Services Job Scams

Community Advisory Meeting

There will be no meeting this month (December). The next Citywide Camera Surveillance System Community Advisory Meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at the Moreno Valley Police Department. The goal of each meeting is to inform attendees of the history, purpose, benefits, and progress of the project. The meeting will also include an

open forum for community input, questions, and answers.

Case of the Week:

On Friday, November 23, 2012, at 3:15 p.m., officers on the Special Enforcement Team observed an occupied vehicle parked in front of a residence in the 16800 block of Calle Pinata. A computer check on the vehicle revealed it was stolen from Orange County. The officers contacted the suspects in the vehicle as well as the occupants of the residence. The four suspects in the vehicle were arrested for possession of the stolen vehicle. Two subjects in the residence were arrested for a narcotics warrant. All six arrestees were booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

Sunnymead Ranch Parkway Slurry Seal Project

The Sunnymead Ranch Parkway Slurry Seal project opened on December 13. This project provides pavement slurry seal for a section of Sunnymead Ranch Parkway from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard. The Maintenance and Operations Division of the Public Works Department had previously performed crack sealing on this section of Sunnymead Ranch Parkway. An application of slurry seal is the next necessary and cost-effective preventive step in protecting the pavement against environmental effects, enhancing the structural integrity of the street, and prolonging the service life of the pavement. The construction is tentatively scheduled to start in February 2013 and to be completed in April 2013.

State Route 60/Moreno Beach Drive Interchange Improvements - Phase 1

Construction started in November and is progressing well. The contractor shifted lanes and installed temporary "K" rail along the freeway in order to provide room to build the first stage of work, which is building the new eastbound on-ramp behind the Auto Mall. The first stage also includes a new water line and retaining wall. The first stage is expected to take 3 more months. Notifications were given to area businesses of upcoming construction. The goal of the project is to realign the eastbound on- and off-ramps to a "diamond" configuration and complete the connection of Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive, thereby providing better access to the area. Construction will extend to late summer 2013.

State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge (Nason Interchange Phase 2)

The Notice-To-Proceed was given to Riverside Construction Company. This contractor is currently preparing pre-construction documents, including detailed schedule, storm water measures and Caltrans permits. Once those activities are completed, physical construction at the site can start by late December 2012 or early January 2013. The improvements will replace the existing 2-lane bridge over the freeway with a wider, higher 5-lane bridge, widen Nason Street to meet the new bridge grade, adjust the ramp/Nason intersections to meet the new grade, add street lights and sidewalks along both sides of Nason Street, add a soundwall along Elder Street, and related improvements. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late winter 2014.

Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue

On July 23, 2012, the City issued the Notice-To-Proceed with Construction to Hillcrest Contracting, Inc. for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral "B" (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project. The proposed work includes street widening to a uniform six travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, driveway approaches, minor drainage improvements, utility relocation, and relocated traffic signals. The total contract amount (base bid amount plus six alternates) is \$3,282,680, which is almost 12% below the engineer's estimate.

Construction of this project is made possible because of diligent efforts of Public Works Department staff working for several months with Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) staff to obtain funding. City staff pointed out to RCTC that the City had saved approximately \$1.7 million during the pre-construction phases of Regional TUMF projects, including this one. RCTC agreed to combine these substantial savings with another \$4 million in TUMF funds, for a total of approximately \$5.7 million. To this end, the RCTC Commission voted on March 14, 2012 to appropriate almost \$5.7 million in TUMF funding for the construction of this important regional project. The agreement to secure these funds was approved by City Council on April 10, 2012. Construction is estimated for completion in May 2013.

Cactus Avenue Eastbound 3rd Lane Widening Project from Interstate 215 Eastbound Off-Ramp to Veterans Way

In October 2012, the City was awarded a \$560,000 State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP) grant through the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the

Cactus Avenue Stage I improvements, between interstate 215 eastbound off-ramp and Veterans Way. The grant covers 50% of the estimated construction costs. The City will use Development Impact Fee (DIF) funds to pay the 50% local match requirement. The improvements will ultimately reduce congestion and increase the level of service between the Interstate 215 Interchange and Veterans Way, especially at the March Air Reserve Base entrance at the intersection of Elsworth. Staff is working with the Engineer of Record to update the plans and specifications, as needed. The Engineer of Record will also update the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to meet current Caltrans requirements.

EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator

On July 10, 2012, City Council authorized the purchase from Johnson Power Systems of the generator set and tank for the EOC Family Care Center and the purchase of the additional tank for the existing generator at the City contingent upon available funding. On August 1, 2012, the Notice Inviting Bids was issued for construction of the EOC Family Care Center Generator project. Bids were opened on September 11, 2012. City awarded construction contract to Global Power Group, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder at the September 25, 2012 Council meeting.

The project is constructing a new generator set and tank located at the Conference & Recreation Center, which is designated as the EOC Family Care Center, and the a new 5,000 gallon fuel tank at the existing generator at City Hall. This new tank will bring the existing generator into compliance with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) code 110-5.1.2, which requires adequate fuel capacity to run the generator for 96 hours. Construction started in November 2012 and weather permitting, is anticipated to be completed by end of May 2013.



Police Department Monitor Room Space Conversion Project

The project is a Tenant Improvement type building construction. This project will construct the Monitor Room for the Citywide Surveillance Cameras by joining the room currently used as a Report Writing Room and the adjacent IT Storage room. The construction contract was awarded to Rasmussen Brothers Construction, Inc. by City Council on October 9, 2012.

The construction includes the demolition of the existing wall between the Report Writing Room and IT Storage Room, construction of a wall that will ultimately join the

two areas to create one complete and separate room, installation of a new door and a small window, patching and painting. Additional fire alarm, strobe and audio, fire sprinklers, minor HVAC, electrical, and lighting work are also a part of the scope of work. Construction started on November 15, 2012 and is anticipated to be completed by end of December 2012.

Street Improvement Program-Kentland Lane, Wilson Place and Kenny Drive

The project involves the reconstruction of three (3) streets citywide with Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement roadway, striping, and signage. The improvements also include drainage, driveway construction, mailbox and utility relocations.

The three streets included in the improvements are: Kentland Lane south of Eucalyptus Avenue, Wilson Place from Hubbard Street to Kenny Drive, and Kenny Drive from Wilson Place to Hilton Street. The construction contract was awarded to C & C Grading and Paving, Inc. on December 11, 2012. Weather permitting, construction is anticipated to start in January 2013 and be completed by end of April 2013.

Cactus/Nason Project

Construction work for widening of Cactus Avenue from Lasselle Street to Nason Street and Extension of Nason Street from Cactus Avenue to Iris Avenue is continuing in full swing with 70% completion.

Along Nason Street, master planned storm drain, domestic water, recycled water and sewer pipelines are at 80% completion. During the first week of December, bridge deck concrete was poured at the Bridge along Nason Street over Line F.

Upon successful undergrounding of overhead Edison lines three months ahead of schedule, the south side of Cactus Avenue is now fully widened. Domestic water line installation along Cactus Avenue is complete and currently a 72" storm drain pipe line is being installed, to be followed by installation of recycled water line and widening along the north side of Cactus Avenue.

Work is also continuing for a new traffic signal at the intersection of Iris Avenue and Nason Street (at Hillrose Drive).

As a part of this project, Iris Avenue between the new Kaiser Permanente Professional Building and Grande Vista Avenue will receive pavement rehabilitation with a grind and pave back with 2.5 inches of rubberized asphalt concrete. Cactus/Nason Project Construction Completion is anticipated by June 30, 2013.

Top 50 MORENO VALLEY MAJOR EMPLOYERS 2011-2012 COMPARISON				
ORGANIZATION	2012 EMPLOYEES	2011 EMPLOYEES	DIFFERENCE	PERCENTAGE
March Air Reserve Base	8600	9000	-400	-4.44%
Moreno Valley Unified School District	3366	3490	-124	-3.55%
Riverside County Regional Medical Center	2600	2416	184	7.62%
Ross Dress For Less / DD's Discounts	1630	1500	130	8.67%
Moreno Valley Mall (excludes major tenants)	1365	1245	120	9.64%
Kaiser Permanente Comm. Hospital/ Office	944	802	142	17.71%
City of Moreno Valley	771	762	9	1.18%
Walgreens Co.	685	694	-9	-1.30%
Val Verde Unified School District (MV only)	674	667	7	1.05%
Skechers USA	600	550	50	9.09%
Harbor Frieght Tools	529	225	304	135.11%
iHerb, Inc.	490	238	252	105.88%
Philips Consumer Electronics	484	484	0	0.00%
Moreno Valley College	451	555	-104	-18.74%
Riverside County DPSS	418	372	46	12.37%
O'Reilly Automotive DC	398	380	18	4.74%
United Natural Foods, Inc.	375	357	18	5.04%
Moss Bros. Auto Group	362	342	20	5.85%
Walmart Super Center	360	340	20	5.88%
Serta Mattress	308	308	0	0.00%
Staters Bros (3 stores)	300	300	0	0.00%
Costco	285	250	35	14.00%
Home Depot (2 stores)	275	275	0	0.00%
Waste Management of the Inland Empire	250	250	0	0.00%
Super Target	235	200	35	17.50%
McDonald's	230	165	65	39.39%
Riverside County Waste Mgmt Facility	194	209	-15	-7.18%
Kroger - Food 4 Less / Ralphs (3 stores)	180	170	10	5.88%
Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse	179	124	55	44.35%
Cardenas Market (2 stores)	166	166	0	0.00%
Supreme Truck Bodies	160	150	10	6.67%
JC Penney	150	155	-5	-3.23%
WinCo Foods	150	150	0	0.00%
Macy's	148	148	0	0.00%
TJ Maxx & HomeGoods	145	0	145	145%
Family Service Association	145	143	2	1.40%
Sears	136	152	-16	-10.53%
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery	135	110	25	22.73%
Kohl's	121	102	19	18.63%
Chili's (2 restaurants)	108	108	0	0.00%
Visterra Credit Union	108	105	3	2.86%
US Postal Service	105	113	-8	-7.08%

El Super	103	106	-3	-2.83%
Modular Metal Fabricators	100	110	-10	-9.09%
Superior	100	100	0	0.00%
Harkins Theatre	99	97	2	2.06%
99 Cent Only (2 stores)	96	96	0	0.00%
Masonite Door Fabrication	95	96	-1	-1.04%
Olive Garden	95	96	-1	-1.04%
Social Security Administration	92	79	13	16.46%
TOTAL	30095	29052	1043	3.59%