

the world of competitive gymnastics and opportunities for young people in the community to get involved in the sport of gymnastics.

Mortgage Crisis - Tips for foreclosure prevention

If you are having trouble keeping up with your mortgage payments, your lender may be able to help you keep your home by refinancing your loan, providing you with temporary financial relief by modifying your current loan, or offering you a mortgage repayment plan to bring your payments current.

Because not everyone will be eligible for assistance, it is important that you take the first and most important step of contacting your lender as soon as you realize that you have a problem. If you wait to contact the company, assistance may not be available.

In addition to immediately contacting your lender, the following are a few of the tips provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for avoiding foreclosure.

1. **Do not ignore the problem.** The further behind you become, the harder it will be to reinstate your loan and the more likely you will lose your home.

2. **Open and respond to all mail from your lender.** The first notices you receive will offer good information about foreclosure prevention options that can help you weather financial problems. Later mail may include important pending legal action. Your failure to open the mail will not be an excuse in foreclosure court.

3. **Know your mortgage rights.** Find your loan documents and read them so you know what your lender may do if you cannot make your payments. Learn about California foreclosure laws and time frames by contacting one of the State Government Housing Offices through the Internet at www.hud.gov/local/ca/homeownership/foreclosure.cfm.

4. **Understand foreclosure prevention options.** Valuable information about foreclosure prevention (also called loss mitigation) options can be found on the Internet at www.fha.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm.

5. **Contact a HUD-approved housing counselor.** Housing counselors can help you understand the law and your options, organize your finances, and represent you in negotiations with your lender if you need this assistance. You may find a HUD-approved counselor by calling 800.569.4287 or TTY 800.977.8339. The following providers serve Moreno Valley:

The Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc...... 682.6581
Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board..... 909.984.2254
Springboard Non-Profit Consumer Credit Management..... 781.0114

6. **Avoid foreclosure prevention companies.** You do not need to pay fees for foreclosure prevention. Many for-profit companies will contact you, promising to negotiate with your lender. While these may be legitimate businesses, they will charge you a large fee for information and services your lender or HUD-approved housing counselor will provide at no cost, if you contact them.

7. **Do not lose your house to foreclosure recovery scams!** If a firm claims they can stop your foreclosure immediately if you sign a document appointing them to act on your behalf, you may be signing over the title to your property and becoming a renter in your own home.

For more details go to www.hud.gov/foreclosure or call the City's Neighborhood Preservation Division at 413.3450.



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City Council

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 14177 Frederick St. Council Chamber.

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City Offices

Building Inspection Services	413.3350
Building Permit Processing	413.3380
Business License	413.3080
Capital Projects	413.3130
City Attorney	413.3036
City Clerk	413.3001
City Council	413.3008
City Manager	413.3020
Code & Neighborhood Services	413.3340
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Emergency Operations & Volunteer Services	413.3800
Facilities	413.3710
Finance Administration	413.3084
Graffiti Hotline	413.3171
Human Resources	413.3045
Land Development	413.3120
Library	413.3880
Media & Communications	413.3053
Neighborhood Preservation/ Redevelopment	413.3450
Parks Maintenance	413.3702
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Planning	413.3206
Public Works Administration	413.3100
Public Works Maintenance & Operations	413.3160
Purchasing	413.3190
Recreation	413.3280
Senior Community Center	413.3430
Shopping Carts (abandoned)	413.3330
Special Districts	413.3480
Street Maintenance	413.3160
TownGate Community Center	413.3729
Transportation	413.3140
Weed Abatement	413.3340

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Public Safety

Animal Services	
14041 Elsworth St.	413.3790
After Hours Emergency Only	247.8700
Dispatch	413.3787
Fire Department Emergencies	911
Administration	486.6780
Fire Prevention	413.3370
Police Department Emergency Calls Only	911
Non-Emergency Crime Reporting	247.8700
Administration Business & Information	486.6700

Utilities

Moreno Valley Electric Utility Customer Service	Telephone / Cable Television
1.877.811.8700	Verizon 1.800.483.5000
Moreno Valley Electric Utility Administration	SBC 1.800.310.2355
413.3512 Emergencies after hours 1.877.811.1888	Time Warner Cable 1.888.683.1000
Southern California Edison	School Districts
1.800.655.4555	Moreno Valley Unified School District 571.7500
Southern California Gas Company	Val Verde Unified School District 940.6100
1.800.427.2200	Riverside Community College Moreno Valley Campus 571.6100
Refuse/Recycling Waste Management of Inland Empire	Eastern Municipal Water District 928.3777
1.800.423.9986	



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\$78.5 million bond for key community projects

Funding was secured in November 2007 for several of Moreno Valley's much-needed public facility and infrastructure improvement projects. The Moreno Valley City Council, through its Community Redevelopment Agency, issued a total of \$78.5 million in tax allocation bonds.

"This is a great opportunity for both residents and businesses in the community," said Mayor William H. Batey II. "Completion of these key projects will provide the momentum for even greater things to happen in Moreno Valley," he said.

The following projects were identified through a comprehensive process that included staff recommendations, City Council input, and a public hearing.

- **Main Library - Estimated cost is \$22 million**
Phase One of the Main Library will include a 38,000-square-foot building and landscaping located at the City's Civic Center.
- **Fire Station 110 - Estimated cost is \$6.5 million**
Located at the northeast corner of Indian and Cottonwood Streets, the new fire station will include a three-bay facility with staff quarters.
- **Neighborhood Park - Estimated cost is \$5 million**
7.1 acres of Agency-owned property, located at the northeast corner of Indian and Cottonwood Streets, will be developed into a passive park facility including picnic shelters and furniture, landscaped areas and a tot lot.
- **Day Street Improvements - Estimated cost is \$4.4 million**
Planned improvements on Day Street, from Cottonwood Avenue to Alessandro Boulevard, include street widening,

installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk, waterline replacement, and construction of stormwater drainage improvements.

• **Auto Mall Upgrades - Estimated cost is \$2 million**

Upgrades would include partial realignment of Motor Way and Auto Center Drive, along with upgrades of monument signage at three intersections.

• **Indian Basin storm water and flood control improvements - Estimated cost is \$6.7 million**

Improvements include the construction of a detention basin north of the Festival Center that will protect the surrounding area and neighborhoods from floodwaters, along with street improvements on Ironwood Avenue.

• **Sidewalk installation, pavement rehabilitation and street widening - Estimated cost is \$6 million**

Various locations around the City have been identified as priorities to receive sidewalk and curb ramp replacements, street pavement rehabilitation and street widening.

• **Box Springs Water Improvements - Estimated cost is \$15 million**

Improvements could include replacement of water distribution lines and lateral service lines, upgrade of pumping equipment and storage facilities, and installation of water quality monitoring and filtration equipment.

• **Sunnymead Boulevard Redevelopment - Estimated cost is \$10 million**

Plans include redevelopment of blighted and underutilized properties for commercial and residential uses on Sunnymead Boulevard.

Questions about these projects should be directed to the Neighborhood Preservation Division of the Economic Development Department at 413.3450 or NP@moval.org.

Problem with a construction project? Moreno Valley can help!

Thinking about adding a room to your home? How about a new patio or pool? Perhaps you want to open a new business or expand an existing one. Do you know where to start? Before you do anything call the City's Building and Safety Division at 413.3350 and find out if you need a permit. Making this call first can help you meet important safety and other requirements and avoid problems later.

Even with careful planning, problems or issues sometimes arise with home or commercial construction projects. What to do? Call Rick Hartmann, Moreno Valley's Deputy City Manager and Development and Permit Liaison at 413.3030. Hartmann and his staff can provide expert, high-level response to construction or development related challenges. Typical issues that

Hartmann helped resolve in recent months included:

• Assisting a business that had difficulty getting a permit for a complex kitchen improvement project;

• Coordinating with an architect to secure a building permit for a local business owner who wanted to expand his business.

Why does Moreno Valley offer this service? The answer is simple: safe homes, successful businesses, quality construction and well-planned development are critical to Moreno Valley's long-term economic viability and quality of life. So don't let a construction or development problem linger. Contact us. We are here to serve you.

Moreno Valley Public Library

The Moreno Valley Public Library's newest program, Book Club in a Bag, is designed to let patrons hold book club meetings in their own homes with friends. Kits available for check-out include all the materials patrons need, including 10 copies of a book, information about the author, discussion questions and leader tips. This popular program is being offered by libraries all over the country, and the Moreno Valley Public Library is pleased to provide this new service. Titles currently available include: *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini; *Night*, by Elie Wiesel; and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee.

The "Food for Thought" reading program runs March 9-April 19, 2008, for children ages 4-12. Pre-readers may have a parent read to them or they may

listen to books on tape/CD. After finishing five books, the child will receive a "Food for Thought" achievement award, good for a free hamburger or cheeseburger at any In-N-Out location. The child may receive up to three awards during the program.

The Library celebrated Teen Tech Week with the theme "Tune In @ Your Library," and held an Internet Scavenger Hunt from March 2-8, which was open to all 13-18 year-olds within Moreno Valley. All participants who completed the program were entered into a drawing for prizes. Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators, and other concerned adults. Its purpose is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, including DVDs, databases, audio books, and video games.

Over 134,000 people have visited the Library since July 1, 2007, an average of over 750 people per day. Staff have issued over 5,500 new library cards in that time and added over 9,000 items to the collection during the 2007 calendar year.



Moreno Valley Mall plans exciting changes

Many exciting changes are happening at the Moreno Valley Mall at TownGate. In 2006, Robinson's May became Macy's and Harkins Theatres opened their doors. In October 2007, JC Penney completed its first store remodel since it opened more than 15 years ago. Recently, all of the major entry points to the Mall have been painted and several public spaces in the interior of the Mall were upgraded.

In 2007, 12 new stores opened at the Moreno Valley Mall, with a total of more than 40,000 square feet. The new stores included popular retailers such as Children's Place, Crazy 8, Ella Bella, Impression, Glamour Secrets, Helzberg Diamonds, and Game Stop.

This year, the Moreno Valley Mall plans even more upgrades, including at least 12 new stores with a total of nearly 80,000 square feet. Just some of the desirable new stores include American Greetings, Hollister Co., Howie's Game Shack, Kay's Jewelers, Royal Day Spa, and Steve & Barry's. With nearly 44,000 square feet, the new Steve & Barry's will be the largest new store. Negotiations are also underway to attract other highly sought after retail stores.

Several more existing stores will remodel their current locations and many stores will be relocated, repositioned or expanded including Bath & Body Works, Express, Limited Too, New York & Co., Victoria's Secret, and the Disney Store. These changes are scheduled for completion by fall of 2008.

General Growth Properties (GGP), the owner of the Moreno Valley Mall, also is finalizing development plans for three new restaurant pads to be situated just east of Sears. GGP's Vice President of Restaurant Leasing negotiated the deals to bring many popular new restaurants to GGP's Galleria at Tyler in Riverside, and has been assigned to complete transactions with popular restaurants coming to the Moreno Valley Mall.

Check out Moreno Valley's Economic Development Summary for information about what is now open or coming soon to the Moreno Valley Mall and other retail centers across Moreno Valley at www.moreno-valley.ca.us/do_biz.

MVTV-3 Guide

MVTV-3 is Available Online!

To view live or archived MVTV-3 programming, visit: www.moreno-valley.ca.us and follow the links for web streaming. Viewing videos is easy. Access the videos from any location that has an Internet connection, preferably high-speed. Windows Media Player is required to view the videos, and a link to download the free media player is available on the City's Web site.

For more information on MVTV-3 programming, contact the Media and Communications Division at 413.3053.

City Link
We welcome your questions and comments. Please call 413.3000
www.moreno-valley.ca.us

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Moreno Valley welcomes "Green" building construction company

The City of Moreno Valley is pleased to welcome Ecolite Concrete. Ecolite will move into a vacant 81,000-square-foot industrial building at the southeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Day Street. Initially, the new facility in Moreno Valley will employ 65 people with one work shift, but Ecolite Concrete anticipates ramping up quickly to two shifts and expects to eventually employ as many as 150 people at the Moreno Valley facility.

Headquartered in Carlsbad, Ecolite Concrete manufactures panelized cold formed steel & concrete wall systems that have become very popular with developers and contractors. Ecolite employs 'green building' technology and uses recycled and eco-friendly production methods. Ecolite recently secured a \$250 million distribution deal in Southern California, which served as motivation to pursue the development of a facility in Moreno Valley.

City's job training graduates employed quickly

The City of Moreno Valley is working in collaborative partnerships to provide alternative educational opportunities for young people who may not choose to go to college. The Youth Career Training Program has successfully graduated two classes since the first session that began last fall.

The program offers youth (ages 18-22) free occupational training opportunities in the warehouse, distribution and logistics industry. Upon completion of two weeks of classroom instruction, students receive 35 hours of hands on forklift training offered at San Bernardino Valley College. After receiving forklift certification, students are eligible to participate in a one-week internship program with a local manufacturing, logistics, and/or warehouse company. To date, nine students from the first graduating class have obtained full-time employment with DHL and Ross Distribution Center. CRP Staffing is also involved with the program by assisting in employment placement of students once internships are completed.

Due to the efforts of Senator Barbara Boxer, the approved federal budget included funds dedicated to the City of Moreno Valley's Youth Career Training Program. This additional funding will enable the City to expand its current program, increase youth employment opportunities, and serve as a positive outlet to encourage self-sufficiency as youth transition into adulthood. Many of the new businesses coming to Moreno Valley are looking to participate in the internship program.

The City of Moreno Valley's program partners include Riverside Community College District and Moreno Valley Unified School District. The next training course begins May 19, 2008 and ends May 30, 2008. For more information, contact Maria Lozano at Moreno Valley Unified School District at 571.7560.

More good news...

• The U.S. Postal Service - A new 230,000-square-foot building in the Centerpointe Business Park, the "Moreno Valley Processing Center," has been purchased by the U. S. Postal Service to serve as a regional distribution center. The new facility slated to open this summer will serve up to 20 post offices in the Moreno Valley, Riverside, and Perris Valley area.

• Harman Kardon - A lease has been executed for audio technology giant Harman Kardon to occupy 301,000 square feet of a new building at the corner of Perris Boulevard and Grove View Road in south Moreno Valley. Harman Kardon is relocating from Arizona this spring.

• Realis Gymnastics Academy Moreno Valley is now home to a new gymnastics facility at the Canyon Springs Plaza, north of State Route 60 and Day Street. This project brings Moreno Valley the opportunity for worldwide recognition in