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Animal Services Receives \$10,000 Anonymous Donation

On September 1, 2009, the Animal Services Division received a monetary donation of \$10,000 from a local resident. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, requested that the donation be used to promote pet adoptions, purchase equipment to enhance the Animal Shelter's functionality, and provide veterinary care to animals identified with special needs. Animal Services staff is excited to be able to help additional deserving pets find life-long homes and to enhance the quality of care for animals at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter as a result of this generous donation.

The Animal Shelter accepts donated items from residents on a regular basis and is always in need of the following items:

- Used blankets and towels
- Pet toys
- Newspapers
- Recyclable bottles and cans

Donated items can be dropped off at the Animal Shelter located at 14041 Elsworth Street, just south of Alessandro Boulevard. Adoptable animals can be viewed on the City's Web site by clicking on "Resident Services" and "Animal Shelter." For more information, call the Shelter at 413.3790.



Adopt a Pet Today - The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter's hours are: Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Closed Fridays, Sundays and Holidays.



Chelbana Award Honors Service

The Frank Chelbana Memorial Community Service Award recognizes residents who provide exceptional community service. To nominate a deserving resident, forms are available at www.moval.org/ourcommunity or call the City Manager's Office at 413.3053.



Winter Safety Warnings from the Moreno Valley Fire Department

The Moreno Valley Fire Department wants to remind residents about the importance of fire safety during the winter season. As temperatures drop during the winter months, many City residents will use different methods to heat their homes. Alarmingly, home heating fires are the second leading cause of residential structure fires nationwide, second only to cooking.

In a nationwide study conducted by the National Fire Protection Association in 2006, heating equipment was involved in approximately 64,100 home structure fires, 540 deaths, 1,400 injuries, and \$943 million in direct property damage. This study included fires associated with chimneys and chimney connectors, space heaters, central heating, fireplaces, water heaters and heat tape.

The study also indicated that :

- Space heaters were responsible for one-third (31%) of home heating fires.
- Space heater fires accounted for over three-fourths (78%) of the deaths associated with home heating fires.
- Sixty percent of the confined chimney and flue fires occurred due to the chimney not being cleaned.

The Fire Department offers the following home heating safety tips:

- Do not use a barbecue to heat your house: carbon monoxide, an odorless gas, is emitted when the barbecue is lit. This gas can potentially kill all occupants inside the home.
- Inspect all heating equipment annually and test smoke alarms monthly. Install carbon monoxide alarms in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Maintain three feet of separation between items that can burn and all heating equipment.
- Only use heating equipment that has the label of an independent contractor testing laboratory and is legal for use in our community.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters, or central heating equipment according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Plug your electric-powered space heater into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.

Economic Development News

City Attracts Electric Vehicle Company

Moreno Valley has been selected as the location for a new electric vehicle production operation. Korea-based CT&T, a leader in the electric vehicle industry, announced recently that they will partner with MVP-EV for their first regional assembly and sales operation in the nation. CT&T manufactures several models of electric vehicles from golf carts to small street-legal cars that can travel at speeds up to 40 miles per hour. CT&T also heavily involved in the research and development of new technologies that would produce electric vehicle prototypes that can go farther and faster.



The E-Zone Electric Vehicle is a low-speed vehicle that passes international crash test standards and will be one of the vehicle types CT&T will produce for the U.S. market.

With operations planned to begin early in 2010, MVP-EV anticipates hiring 40 people at the facility at start up, increasing to 200 employees by early 2011, employing as many as 300 when the plant is fully operational at the end of 2011. MVP-EV expects to produce electric vehicles in Moreno Valley at a rate of 5,000 per year and eventually expand up to 10,000 per year. MVP-EV will be upgrading and retrofitting an existing, currently vacant 49,000 square foot plant on Goldencrest Drive to accommodate CT&T's operational requirements.

Automotive Parts Retailer Brings Jobs

O'Reilly Automotive Inc.'s new west coast distribution center will commence operations in January. O'Reilly will recruit approximately 500 new hires, boosting employment opportunities in Moreno Valley. O'Reilly was the first company to take full advantage of the services made available to businesses by the City's new Employment Resource Center (ERC) which opened last August. The ERC served as a recruitment center where O'Reilly screened, interviewed and hired the employees needed to meet their workforce needs.

This new Moreno Valley location is O'Reilly's twenty-first distribution center in the nation, serving retail stores throughout Southern California. Beginning in early 2010, Kragen Automotive stores throughout the western U.S. will be renamed O'Reilly Auto Parts.

O'Reilly's new distribution center occupies a 400,000 square foot newly constructed industrial building in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area at the northeast corner of Indian Street and San Michele Road.

Code and Neighborhood Services

Technology, Federal Funds Used to Fight Graffiti and Code Violations

Last year the City's Code and Neighborhood Services Division executed an agreement with Graffiti Tracker Incorporated to provide graffiti tracking services. The Graffiti Tracker technology provides the Moreno Valley community with an effective, systematic approach to data collection and retention that often results in increased graffiti apprehensions and improved restitution efforts. Since the implementation of the Graffiti Tracker program, the Moreno Valley Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Team has arrested eighteen suspects for graffiti vandalism who were responsible for over \$200,000 in damages to public and private property. As a result, Code Compliance staff has submitted six separate restitution requests to the Riverside County District Attorney's Office for damages totaling \$188,795.

In addition to fighting graffiti, the Code and Neighborhood Services Division is dedicated to abating other code violations throughout the community. To assist in these efforts, the City was recently awarded federal funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The \$106,000 award will be utilized to hire and deploy part time code compliance personnel primarily focused on proactive code enforcement activities. For more information on the City's Code and Neighborhood Services programs, call 413.3340.

Library Update

What's Up at Your Moreno Valley Library

- Story Times are offered Mondays at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m.; Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.; Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; and a bilingual English/Spanish story time on Thursdays, at 10:00 a.m.
- Check out the following new titles in our "Book Club in a Bag" Program: *The Book Thief*, by Marcus Zusak; *Loving Frank*, by Nancy Horan; *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer; *The Time Traveler's Wife*, by Audrey Niffenegger; *A Mercy*, by Toni Morrison; *The Glass Castle*, by Jeanette Walls; and *Wesley the Owl* by Stacey O'Brien. "Book Club in a Bag" totes come with 10 paperback copies of a popular title, with discussion questions and leader tips.
- The Friends of the Library maintains the Book Nook. Proceeds from the ongoing sale of these donated items support the Summer Reading Program, video games, databases, equipment and more. The Moreno Valley Public Library is located at 25480 Alessandro Boulevard. For additional information about Library programs and services, call 413.3880.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Census 2010:
Make Sure

Moreno Valley Counts!

In March the U.S. Census Bureau will be mailing or delivering census forms to every household in the United States. It is critical that all Moreno Valley residents be counted and the City is encouraging every household to return their completed form by "Census Day", April 1, 2010. Including just 10 simple questions, the census form should only take 10 minutes to complete.

Why is the Census 2010 effort important to our community? It is estimated that for each resident that is not counted, the City can lose between \$1,000 - \$1,200 per year in federal funding. The Census Bureau estimates that in the last census count, Moreno Valley residents' response rate for returning their forms was just 70%. In addition to losing funding, our area could lose representation as the number of representatives in Congress is determined by the population data compiled by the Census.

**Return your census form:
It's Easy, It's Important, It's Safe.**

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Federal Stimulus Grant Update

The City of Moreno Valley has been awarded more than \$12.6 million in federal stimulus funds to assist with the following homeownership, homelessness prevention, and job creation programs:

● **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP):** The City was awarded \$11.4 million in federal stimulus funds to assist with the following neighborhood stabilization programs:

- The Homebuyer Assistance Program (HAP) offers income-eligible first-time homebuyers up to 20% of the new home's purchase price. A list of HAP-approved lenders can be found at www.moval.org.
- Development partners have been selected to acquire Bank-owned and repair vacant Moreno Valley properties for re-occupancy. Check out the City's Web site for a list NSP properties available for sale/rent to income-eligible families.

● **Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP):** The City was allocated \$732,832 to help Moreno Valley families who are at risk of becoming homeless or to rapidly re-house those who have recently

become homeless as a result of the economy.

Assistance is available to help with:

- Late Rent
- Security Deposits
- Late Utility Payments
- Motel Vouchers
- Legal Assistance related to foreclosure or loss of housing.

For more information about HPRP, call 211, contact the Family Services Association at 686.1096 or visit their offices at 21250 Box Springs Road, Suite 212.

● **Community Development Block Grant - Recovery (CDBG-R):** Moreno Valley was provided \$479,292 to assist with improving the local economy through job creation and upgrading infrastructure.

For more information on any of these programs, please call the City's Neighborhood Preservation Division at 413.3450, e-mail NP@moval.org, or visit the City Web site.

Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

Foreclosure Prevention Workshops sponsored by the City of Moreno Valley will continue in Spring 2010. For more information, visit www.moval.org or e-mail np@moval.org.

Employment Resource Center is Here to Help

Get free assistance finding a job or applying for State Unemployment Benefits. Services include internet access, resumé preparation, workshops, resource library, Hot Jobs Announcement Board, and California Career Videos.

12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
951.413.3920 erc@moval.org
www.moval.org www.rivcojobs.com

City Celebrates 25th Birthday

On December 3 the City of Moreno Valley celebrated its 25th "birthday." The City incorporated in 1984, officially merging the communities of Moreno, Sunnymead and Edgemont. While voters of these communities overwhelmingly approved the incorporation measure in 1984, the notion of cityhood was voted down in previous attempts in 1968 and 1983. Moreno Valley's charter City Council included residents Bob Lynn, Judith A. Nieburger, Steven Webb, J. David Hoorspool (the first Mayor Pro Tem), and Marshall C. Scott (the first Mayor.)

To commemorate the 25th "birthday," the Mayor and City Council hosted a community celebration on December 3 at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. The community celebrated the lighting of the "M" on Box Springs Mountain, which remained lit during the evenings of December 3-6 thanks to the support of Southern California Edison. Historical photos of Moreno Valley are currently available for viewing on the City's Web site.