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Sunnymead Boulevard Revitalization Project Nears Completion

Construction of the \$12 million beautification project along the 2-mile corridor of Sunnymead Boulevard between Frederick Street and Perris Boulevard is scheduled for completion in March 2010. The first two phases of this 3-phase project have been completed: Phase One consisted of a pipeline replacement funded by Eastern Municipal Water District; Phase Two consisted of sidewalk and parkway improvements funded by the City's Redevelopment Agency; and Phase Three consisting of 'in-street' beautification improvements including decorative concrete in the center turn lane and landscaped medians, is currently being constructed. This last phase is funded by a Federal grant.



The City has already received many positive comments about the new bus shelter design.

Local business and property owner Tom Gardner of ACE Hardware is pleased with the project, "Seems like (the overall project is) taking a long time but once the contractor reached my individual property it went quickly and was handled very well." Project improvement specifics include:

- New 18" waterline replaced leaking pipes and improved water pressure and capacity, 35 fire hydrants and 110 residential and commercial meters were replaced.
- Landscape and sidewalk improvements include new or renovated colored sidewalks and driveways, planters, 200 palm trees, and 17 bus shelters.
- Installation of four new corner entry signs and a grand gateway arch.
- Mounting 80 seasonal banners onto streetlights beginning in the 2009 holiday season.



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2010 Census: Be Counted!

\$300 Billion in federal funds will be distributed based upon the population count identified by the 2010 Census. When you receive your census questionnaire in March, complete it and do your part to make sure Moreno Valley is counted!

Visit 2010.census.com.



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City Facilities Hours

Due to budget cuts, City offices began closing to the public on Fridays starting in July. Updated hours of operation for all City facilities are noted below:

ANIMAL SHELTER

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Closed Friday & Sunday**

CITY HALL

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

CITY HALL ANNEX

14325 FREDERICK ST.

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

*Offices closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday***

CONFERENCE & RECREATION CENTER

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

*Offices closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday****

CORPORATE YARD

Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Offices closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Offices closed Friday & Sunday

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Offices closed Saturday & Sunday

SENIOR CENTER

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Offices closed Saturday & Sunday

** The Friday closures of the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter will not impact the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter Clinic located next to the Shelter at 14041 Elsworth Street. The Clinic offers veterinary services provided by Dr. Marshall E. Scott DVM, and will continue to be open to the public Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (closed 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. for lunch).*

*** The Moreno Valley Electric Utility office located at the City Annex (14325 Frederick Street, Suite 9) will have a cashier available on Fridays.*

**** The CRC will be available on Fridays for rentals and some classes, and access to the Fitness 19 health facility will still be available 7 days a week.*

Invest in Your Community



Your support of local businesses equates to more jobs. Shopping at local stores is

an investment in City-provided services and quality of life. Make Moreno Valley a better place to live and do business.

Economic Development News

Moreno Valley Welcomes New Companies

Tenant improvement construction is now underway for the new west coast distribution center for **O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.** - the nation's largest automotive related retailer. O'Reilly



will occupy 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.

BAS Recycling, a tire recycling facility specializing in the manufacturing of crumb rubber products, has relocated from San Bernardino to a 66,000 square foot facility on Day Street. Unlike most tire recycling facilities that use heat in their processing, BAS Recycling utilizes an environment-friendly, patented cryogenic rubber processing system that freezes rubber materials to 455 degrees below zero. The frozen tires are crushed and manufactured into rubber mulch, or crumb rubber granules, which are typically used in artificial turf and surface safety equipment such as those used on playgrounds. BAS Recycling is the exclusive provider of the crumb rubber granules for artificial turf fields for the National Football League.

Foreclosure Prevention Workshops

In response to the continuing home foreclosure problem, the City of Moreno Valley will conduct a second series of five foreclosure prevention workshops beginning in September. The series will offer residents valuable information and the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from mortgage lenders, credit counseling agencies and social service providers. Spanish translation will be available at each workshop.

A Success Story

After attending one of the workshops in the City's first Foreclosure Prevention Workshop Series and beginning the loan modification process on-site with Countrywide Bank, one homeowner recently reported to the City that her loan had since been modified. Her monthly mortgage payment was reduced by \$500 per month, making it possible for her to maintain homeownership.

For information about upcoming workshops, please contact the Neighborhood Preservation Division at 413.3450, e-mail us at NP@moval.org, or visit us at the City's Web site.

City Opens Local Employment Resource Center

The City of Moreno Valley's new Employment Resource Center (ERC) opened in August. The ERC helps unemployed residents use computers to access the internet to search for employment, prepare resumes, fax job applications, obtain job training, and/or apply for state unemployment benefits.

A number of groups have invested resources to facilitate the ERC's opening and operation. The City Council dedicated federal Community Development Block Grant funds to outfit the facility without impacting the City's general fund operating budget. The County of Riverside provides Workforce Development Center staff to work with job seekers and support Moreno Valley based businesses with their employment recruitments. Additionally, Riverside Community College conducts on-site job training for targeted industries. Office space was generously donated by the Fritz Duda Company.

The ERC is located in the TownGate Center, a short walk from the bus stop at the Moreno Valley Mall and near the northwest corner of Frederick Street and TownGate Boulevard. The ERC is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and can be reached at 413.3920.

For additional information e-mail us at NP@moval.org, or visit the City's Web site.

Library Update

Your Moreno Valley Public Library (MVPL) continues to be busier than ever:

Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading Program, "Be Creative @ Your Library," was a huge success, with over 1000 participants. The program featured activities and prizes for four age groups, offering the first summer reading program for adults. Sincere thanks go to the Friends of the Library and many local vendors who generously sponsored this popular program.

Free WiFi and Library Cards

The Library offers free WiFi access for your personal laptop. All you need to access the system is an MVPL library card. Don't have a card? It's free and easy to get one — just bring your current photo ID and proof of address, and staff will assist you. The Library also offers 15 computers for adults, 10 computers for children, and a reservation program that allows you to set your own appointment times and usage.

Check Out Story Times and Online Catalog

Story times for pre-schoolers are offered six times per week. Check with the Library for the times and for details on the various reading programs currently available. Did you know you can browse the Library's catalog and access other services from the comfort of your home? Go to the "Resident Services" tab on the City's Web site and click on "Library" to find the Online catalog. For further information, call the Library at 413.3880.



Vactor Truck

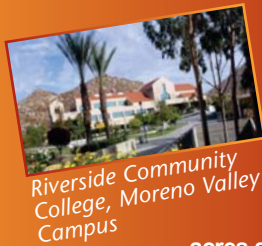
The City of Moreno Valley recently took delivery of a new Camel 200 Specialty Truck to clean clogged storm drains and catch basins in the City. This truck replaces a 1988 model that has reached the end of its useful life. The new combination truck uses vacuum technology with high-velocity water jets to remove debris and blockages from storm drains. It also vacuums debris and water from catch basins.

Powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), the the Camel 200 is paid in part by a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District. This use of a CNG vehicle has many benefits. CNG is the cleanest burning of all fossil fuels. Its use helps to conserve our natural resources. More than 90% of natural gas is produced in North America and produces less greenhouse gases.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 413.3100 or visit the City's Web site.

Did you know?

JFK Blvd. was originally named Eschscholtzia Blvd. — the Latin name for Poppy — maintaining the established street naming convention, but was renamed in honor of our 35th President.



Riverside Community College, Moreno Valley Campus, spans 134

acres and serves approximately 10,000 students with a variety of educational opportunities. The Moreno Valley campus is anticipating accreditation early in 2010 and will then officially be "Moreno Valley College."

New Standards Promote Water Conservation

In an effort to meet state guidelines to conserve one of our most precious resources, the City Council recently revised the City Landscape Requirements and Guidelines to require landscapes that are aesthetically designed with water conservation principles such as the use of advanced irrigation systems and low water use plants.



Water conserving landscaping

During this period of severe drought conditions and the continued need to conserve water, several changes can be made to existing landscapes and irrigation systems to reduce water consumption. For example, smart controllers that shut the irrigation system off when precipitation is detected and MP Rotator sprinklers which are more efficient than spray irrigation can be installed. In addition, reducing turf areas by using alternative materials such as rocks, mulch and ground cover can create an attractive landscape with lower water usage.

For more information on landscape requirements and water saving design options, contact the Planning Division at 413.3206. To review the updated Landscape Guidelines, visit the City's Web site.

Animal Shelter Update

Increased Adoptions

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter helped an additional 265 companion animals find new homes during Fiscal Year 2008/09 as compared to Fiscal Year 2007/08. This dramatic 12% increase in pets being adopted from the Animal Shelter is largely attributed to the cooperative relationship with numerous animal rescue groups and the Shelter's "Pet of the Week" features on MVTV-3. All pets adopted from the Animal Shelter receive a health screening from Dr. Sara Strongin, D.V.M., are spayed or neutered, and microchipped.

11th Annual "Home for the Holidays" Pet Adoption Campaign

Along with over 2,500 other facilities worldwide, the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter will be participating in the 11th Annual Iams Pet Food "Home for the Holidays" pet adoption campaign. From October 1, 2009 through January 4, 2010 the Shelter will ensure each pet adopted during the campaign will receive a special adoption kit. In addition, a wall in the Shelter lobby dedicated to "Home for the Holidays" will highlight photos of all pets with their new families. Last year the Animal Shelter adopted 461 dogs and puppies and 141 cats and kittens, totaling 602 companion animals being placed into new homes. This year the Shelter's goal is to place 650 companion animals into new homes.