March 2019

MORENO VALLEY
CITY MANAGER’S UPDATE

Tom DeSantis, City Manager
City Launches Code Crusaders Campaign
The Media & Communications Division, working with the Community Development Department, launched the exciting new Code Crusaders campaign to create awareness of common city code violations. The Code Crusaders campaign features a fun, animated video series, print ads, social media content and a web page.

In the first episode of Code Crusaders, our hero, The Code Enforcer, saves a Moreno Valley resident from incurring a code violation due to an inoperable vehicle on her property.

This creative campaign is part of the City’s effort to Keep Moreno Valley Beautiful by encouraging residents to work together to maintain and improve our neighborhoods. And we make it easy! Residents can report inoperable vehicles and other code violations by using the “Report an Issue” feature on the Moreno Valley app. For more information about Moreno Valley’s Code and Neighborhood Services Team, please visit moval.org/cdd.

The first episode of Code Crusaders is available on the City’s YouTube Channel, Facebook page, and airs daily on MVTV-3.
Human Resources Department

RECRUITMENTS

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<td>New Recruitments</td>
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<td>Ongoing Recruitments</td>
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<td>Closed Recruitments</td>
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428 Total

NEW HIRES

Kathryn Vigil
Deputy City Clerk
City Clerk’s Office

Jessica Lambarena
Administrative Assistant
City Council Office

Zoila Luna
Administrative Assistant
City Council Office

Sean Kelleher
Senior Planner
Community Development Department

PROMOTIONS

Jasmin Rivera
Management Aide
Financial & Management Services Department

Serina Astorga
Recreation Program Leader
Parks & Community Services Department

Jeanine Heynen
Senior Recreation Program Leader
Parks & Community Services Department

Joe Mattox
Maintenance Supervisor
Public Works Department

Kevin Teagarden
Management Analyst
Public Works Department
ANIMAL SERVICES

Petco Foundation Awards $30,000 Grant to Animal Shelter
The Petco Foundation has awarded the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter a $30,000 grant to help low-income residents care for their pets by subsidizing the cost of spay-neuter services, routine vaccinations, and microchips. Funds will also be used to continue the successful Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program for feral cats. TNR has saved more than 1,500 cats since it began in October 2015.

Animal Control Officers Rescue Injured Burro
After evading capture for almost a month, a young burro with a broken leg was rescued February 17 along Lawless and Pigeon Pass Road by Animal Control Officers. Staff transported the animal to the DonkeyLand burro sanctuary for treatment. Officers deserve credit for making a difficult rescue, and the City appreciates DonkeyLand’s care and compassion for wild burros. Learn more about DonkeyLand and how you can support their work at DonkeyLand.org.

BUILDING & SAFETY DIVISION

New Businesses Open in Towngate Promenade
National shoe retailer Red Wing Shoes and Southern California’s Sit ‘n Sleep, one of the country’s largest mattress retailers, have been issued Certificates of Occupancy and are now open for business, further enhancing Moreno Valley’s business community and shopping opportunities.

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<th>BUILDING &amp; SAFETY ACTIVITY</th>
<th>February 2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Building Permits Issued</td>
<td>317</td>
<td>330</td>
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<td>Certificates of Occupancy Issued</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Inspections Performed</td>
<td>1,624</td>
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Planning Commission

- On February 14, the Planning Commission approved a 20-unit senior apartment complex on the north side of Webster Avenue west of Indian Street.

- The Planning Commission recently began public hearings for proposed Conditional Use Permits for commercial cannabis businesses, and on March 14 approved the first two of the 24 applications submitted.
Give your Business the Training it Needs to Survive the Next Natural Disaster with BERT

Natural disasters can devastate communities and their businesses.

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), 40-50% of businesses never reopen following a disaster. But having a disaster and business continuity plan can greatly improve the odds of recovery.

The Economic Development Department and Moreno Valley Fire Department are excited to introduce the Business Emergency Resiliency Training (BERT) Program. BERT helps our business community prepare to survive a disaster. The program is a series of six courses offering comprehensive training for Emergency Response, Employee Preparedness, Fire Safety, Continuity of Business Planning and more. The BERT Program is free for Moreno Valley business owners, and the City will host the first course on April 10.

To view the complete list of workshop offerings or to register, please visit morenovalleybusiness.com/events.

All workshops are held at the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Shopping Center. Please register early as workshops may fill up quickly.

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<th>EMPLOYMENT</th>
<th>January 2019</th>
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<td>Employment Rate</td>
<td>96%</td>
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<th>HOME RESALE MARKET</th>
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<tr>
<td>Home Resale Value</td>
<td>$331,353</td>
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<td>Number of Resale Transactions</td>
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<th>EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER</th>
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<td>Number of Persons Assisted</td>
<td>1,024</td>
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<td>Number of Workshops</td>
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<td>Number of Hiring Events</td>
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Employment Resource Center (ERC)
The ERC is located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center and is open Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm. For details, residents and employers are encouraged to call 951-413-3920, email erc@moval.org or visit www.moval.org/erc. In the market for a new job? Join the Hire MoVal Job Seekers' List today.

Economic Development Summary
Curious about new businesses coming to Moreno Valley? Be the first to know! Check out the monthly update of the Economic Development Summary to learn more about Moreno Valley’s business location advantages on the dedicated Economic Development website: www.morenovalleybusiness.com.
Financial & Management Services Department

**ELECTRIC UTILITY DIVISION**

**Streetlight Update**
As of February 28, Moreno Valley Utility’s Street Light LED Retrofit project, which began December 1, has upgraded 3,126 streetlights from High-Pressure Sodium to more efficient LED fixtures. MVU crews are currently working in the northwest portion of the city, focusing efforts on residential neighborhoods.

To monitor progress, the City created an [interactive map](#). Completed work areas are highlighted in green and remaining areas in red. Moreno Valley Utility updates the interactive map weekly.

**FINANCIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION**

**Grant Application Update**
The City received 34 applications requesting a total of $6,025,470 from the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership program funds and Emergency Solution Grant for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Applications were due January 31. Willdan Financial Services is leading the review process, and eligible applications were presented to the Technical Review Committee at the Finance Subcommittee Meeting on March 26.

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES DIVISION**

**Budget Town Hall Meeting & Balancing Act**
The City sought public input for Moreno Valley’s next two-year budget. Residents were invited to join the City’s financial experts at a Budget Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, February 20. During the Town Hall Meeting, residents learned about the budget process and how they can try their hand at using Balancing Act to craft a balanced City budget. Balancing Act is an online interactive tool that walks users through the difficult choices budget-writers need to make between needed services and available funding. Visit [morenovalley.abalancingact.com](http://morenovalley.abalancingact.com) to try out Balancing Act.
FIRE OPERATIONS

M.A.P.P.E.D. Interns Presentation
Student interns learned all about fire services from Moreno Valley Firefighters at Fire Day on February 7. The interns are members of the Mayor’s Apprenticeship Program Promoting Employment Development (MAPPED). Firefighters explained the full range of their responsibilities, including both firefighting and fire prevention, and answered the students’ many questions about the work and career possibilities. Firefighters allowed Interns to handle some of the rescue equipment. MAPPED helps motivated students learn more about City services and career opportunities.

FIRE PREVENTION

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<th>FIRE PREVENTION STATS</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Plan Review Submittals</td>
<td>121</td>
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<td>Total Construction Inspections</td>
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<td>Annual Fire Inspections</td>
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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Canyon Springs Students Receive Fire Extinguisher Training
Using a fire extinguisher safely and effectively can mean the difference between life and death, but few ever have the chance to learn. On February 20, the Office of Emergency Management taught more than 100 students at Canyon Springs High School about general fire safety and fire extinguisher usage. Instructors taught students to use the Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep (PASS) method to put out fires with an extinguisher.
Moreno Valley Police Department Welcomes New Watch Commander

March was the first month on the job for the Police Department’s newest Patrol Watch Commander, Sergeant Ed Baeza.

Sgt. Baeza brings nearly 21 years of experience with the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department and is an Army veteran. He is assigned to the Special Enforcement Team - Gang Unit as a Master Investigator in Moreno Valley since 2015, Sgt. Baeza is also a veteran homicide investigator. The Moreno Valley Police Department welcomes his leadership, knowledge, and experience.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

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<td>Responded Calls By Patrol Officers</td>
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CAPITAL PROJECTS

California Active Transportation Program Funds Sidewalk Improvements

The City is using federal grant funding through the California Active Transportation Program to improve walkways at five locations where sidewalks were not continuous:

1. The north side of Dracaea Avenue between Lasselle Street and Morrison Street
2. The south side of Eucalyptus Avenue between Lasselle Street and Morrison Street
3. The south side of Sandy Glade Avenue between Heacock Street and Davis Street
4. The east side of Elsworth Street between Cottonwood Avenue and Dracaea Avenue
5. The north side of Ironwood Avenue west of Kitching Street

Moreno Valley's sidewalk improvements will enhance pedestrian safety and mobility, especially for students and parents near the following schools:

- Bear Valley Elementary
- Cloverdale Elementary
- Midland Elementary
- Moreno Elementary
- TownGate Elementary
- Mountain View Middle School
- Valley View High School

LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Lawless Road Improvements

Street improvements are currently underway on Lawless Road between Pigeon Pass Road and Shadow Mountain Drive. The job's scope includes reconstructing the street, installing sidewalks and curbs, and adding streetlights. The street is temporarily closed during the construction process and is scheduled to re-open in Spring 2019. Please be extra careful when traveling in this area and follow all traffic control and detour signs.
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Senior Community Center Black History Celebration
On February 21, the Senior Community Center celebrated Black History Month with a fascinating and inspiring presentation by Lt. Col. Harlan Q. Leonard, Jr., a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the first black aviators in the U.S. Army during World War II. Lt. Col. Leonard’s presentation was attended by more than 200 seniors.

Hike to the Top
The Hike to the Top program held a hike to Hidden Springs on February 23. Twenty-seven hikers participated in the 3.5-mile hike and were rewarded with views of blue skies, green hills and our famous wild burros.

5K Race on the Base
The Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services Department hosted its inaugural 5K Race on the Base Event on March 9 at March Field Park with more than 200 runners and spectators. The event included a 5K Run, a 1K Kids Fun Run, fitness and resource fair, t-shirts, prizes, bouncers, and food vendors. Awards were presented to the top runners in each 5K age division, and all entrants in the 1K received medals.