

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Administration

California Citizens Redistricting Commission

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission released the first draft maps on June 10. In general the City of Moreno Valley fared very favorably in the redrawn Congressional, State Senate and Assembly districts. The City's top priority is to be left wholly intact within the districts and not carved up into several ones as we are currently with 3 Assembly districts. All of the first draft maps keep Moreno Valley whole. Acting Assistant City Manager Michelle Dawson participated in the June 19 public input hearing in San Bernardino to thank the Commission for their efforts and indicate support for the draft maps. There were speakers at the hearing that requested the Commission consider redrawing the proposed Congressional district to include Perris. With regard to which communities would be removed from the proposed district in order to include the 68,386 residents of Perris, some speakers suggested that Norco be removed, however Norco only has a population of 27,063. The deadline for the public to submit written testimony to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on its first round of draft district maps was June 28 and the second draft maps will be released on July 12. The Commission must have approved maps by August 15.

Wake Up Moreno Valley

The City was the sponsor for the June 22 Wake Up Moreno Valley monthly Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce meeting. Hosted by Parks and Community Services Director Mike McCarty, the meeting's featured speaker was Community and Economic Development Director Barry Foster who presented information regarding the Economic Development Action Plan. Local vendors provided gifts which were handed out to participants who correctly answered questions regarding the presentation. The City Update was presented by Council Member Robin Hastings.

MVTV-3 Receives 3 Awards

On June 2 MVTV-3 won three cable television awards at the 2011 STAR Awards. The STAR Awards are an annual awards ceremony made up of municipal television networks from California, Arizona and Nevada. "Mission MoVal", the City's version of a reality-based competition show, won first place under the Documentary category competing against San Francisco

Government TV and the City of Piedmont. "Pet of the Week" took third place under the Special Audience Category and the monthly news magazine "News Center" won third place in the News Magazine category.

MVTV-3 Interns

MVTV-3's six "super interns" are the recipients of the City's annual Volunteers of the Year recognition. The unpaid interns include Steven Morel, Jarrett Wegelin, Trent Terrell, Jarred Endres, Kyle Dagenhart, and Tim Barnes. These volunteers worked between 400 and over 1,000 hours each last year writing, filming and editing items for Channel 3 including "Spotlight on Business," "News Center" and "Pets of the Week" videos.

Memorial Day

Approximately 200 people attended the City's annual Memorial Day ceremony. Attendance has been increasing steadily since the City began holding the ceremony at sunset because it does not conflict with other ceremonies. The ceremony included brief speeches by Mayor Stewart and Council Members Batey and Hastings, performances by the Moreno Valley Master Chorale, bag piper Forrest Cormany, and buglers Stephanie Johnson and Omar Alvarez, the traditional laying of the wreath with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus A. F. Chelbana Assembly, and a flyover by members of the March Aero Club. Special thanks to Cindy Owens, Cindy Miller, Lisa Smethurst, Meleisa Mendonca, and Tim Carroll for planning this year's event.

City Link Goes Green

In a cost-saving measure which will also help save trees, the City Manager's Office will begin distributing the "City Link" newsletter electronically. This new format will also allow us the opportunity to publish the City's newsletter on a monthly basis. The first e-newsletter was distributed on July 6. Visitors to the City's website can now sign up to subscribe to receive "City Link" via their e-mail addresses. "City Link" was previously published within the Recreation Guide.

Legislative Update

All regular session legislation had to pass out of their house of origin by June 3 in order to continue being heard (exceptions include urgency or state budget items). Bills that did not pass out of their house of origin can be taken up again next January. Recent letters of support/opposition were forwarded by the City on the following bills:

AB 506 (Wieckowski) Local Government: Bankruptcy: Mediation is an attempt by the state to prevent any local government from filing for bankruptcy under Chapter 9 of the federal bankruptcy code without first receiving the permission from a State-controlled non-governmental arbitrator. This bill passed out of the Assembly on June 2; the City opposes AB 506.

AB 61 (Jeffries) Neighborhood Electric Vehicles authorizes the implementation of a neighborhood electric vehicle (NEV) transportation plan in Riverside County to increase the efficiency and ease of NEV use, as well as enable NEV travel in areas where it was previously unsafe or legally prohibited. The City supported this piece of legislation which was unanimously passed in the Assembly and is now being heard in the Senate.

SB 469 (Vargas) Land Use: Development Project Review: Superstores mandates that, prior to approving or disapproving a “superstore retailer,” a city require, at applicant expense, a private consultant to prepare an exhaustive economic impact report examining 17 different detailed conditions. The bill passed out of the Senate on May 31 and will now be heard in the Assembly; the City opposes SB 469.

Web Site Updates

The Green MoVal page now features a downloadable application to help residents save money on their electric bill. The Light Bulb Finder is a free mobile phone application that makes it easy to switch from conventional light bulbs to energy-saving equivalents with the right fit, style and light quality. The GREEN MoVal page is available at <http://www.moval.org/green-mv.shtml>.

The featured project “Highland Fairview” webpage has a new banner and button displayed on the main page of the City web site. This webpage features information on the project and a photo slideshow of the project. Once approved by Highland Fairview a video of the project will be added to the page.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

Village Café

The new Village Café is scheduled to open the first week in July in the former 6,600 S.F. Red Robin restaurant building at the rear of TownGate Center. The new restaurant operation employs 65 people, including 55 residents of Moreno Valley. Check out the Village Café which is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Moreno Valley Plaza

Some changes are in the works for Moreno Valley Plaza, the 341,000 S.F. community shopping center situated on the south side of Sunnymead Boulevard, between Heacock and Graham. New happenings include:

- Factory 2 U will be relocating to a larger store and will occupy the vacant 18,161 S.F. space that previously contained Jo-Ann’s. Included in the move will be a re-branding of the store as Fallas Discount Stores. Presently there are more than 200 Fallas stores in five western states (California, Arizona, Texas, Nevada and New Mexico) that are owned by National Stores Inc. National Stores Inc. purchased the Factory 2 U company two years ago and are transitioning the Factory 2 U locations into Fallas Discount Stores.
- Harbor Freight Tools has executed a letter of Intent to re-occupy the existing 15,280 S.F. Factory 2 U space—after Factory 2 U vacates. Harbor Freight Tools has 350 stores nationwide with a customer base exceeding 16 million. Harbor Freight Tools is presently working towards fully occupying their new 779,016 S.F. Distribution Center in Moreno Valley at the Centerpointe Business Park.
- Family Dollar Inc. has executed a Letter of Intent to open a new store at Moreno Valley Plaza. Family Dollar, based in North Carolina and with 6,700 stores in 40 states, is just moving into the California marketplace, including a major emphasis of opening new Family Dollar stores in the Inland Region. Look for Family Dollar to eventually open up to six stores in Moreno Valley. Check out this store concept, which is similar to 99 Cents Only stores, by going to their website www.familydollar.com.

Family Services Association

City staff is working closely with Family Services Association (FSA) and their consulting team to process plans for the rehabilitation of a vacant building that FSA recently acquired at 21801 Alessandro Boulevard—which is situated at the westerly gateway to Moreno Valley. FSA shall use the building to house its food preparation operation for the meal program it operates in many communities, including Moreno Valley. FSA has its headquarters in Moreno Valley, along with two child care facilities.

Moreno Valley Mall

Spinoso Real Estate Group (Spinoso REG), the leasing partner for the Moreno Valley Mall, is working on plans to upgrade and expand the Moreno Valley Mall. The respected world-wide architectural firm of Altoon +

Porter has been retained by Spinoso REG and the owner of the Moreno Valley Mall—CW Capital, to assist with creating some exciting conceptual plans. The plans would add a new space for the Mall to be situated to the north of Harkins Theatres that presents a two story building development of potential new restaurant and retail spaces incorporated within an innovative outdoor space of plazas, patios and common areas that will also connect to one of the entrances to the Mall as well as both levels of the parking structure. These exciting new plans were unveiled to a number of potential tenants at the recent International Council of Shopping Centers event in Las Vegas and were well received in creating some momentum for possible new users for the Moreno Valley Mall.

Five Guys Burgers & Fries

Tenant improvement plans for the new Five Guys Burgers & Fries have been submitted to the City for plan check. Tenant improvement work is underway for the relocation of San Sai restaurant to its new home on Day Street in TownGate Crossings, where it will be rebranded as Miru Sushi & Teriyaki. Once San Sai has vacated the restaurant location on Frederick Street in TownGate Plaza, the tenant improvement work can start for the new Five Guys Burger restaurant, which is looking for a late summer opening. Presently there are Five Guys Burgers locations in the Inland Region in Redlands, Rancho Cucamonga, Temecula and Eastvale-Mira Loma, with three more coming soon—including Moreno Valley, Corona and San Bernardino. For more information on Five Guys Burgers & Fries check out their website at www.fiveguys.com.

Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business

The Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business program seeks to increase the community's awareness of the many and diverse businesses that operate in Moreno Valley. The businesses showcased at the May 10 City Council meeting were 99 Cents Only Stores and Robert's Fine Art & Framing. The June 28 businesses for Spotlight on Moreno Valley Business were 24 Hour Fitness and Marinello School of Beauty.

The Spotlight program also wishes to alert the City Council to some of the new businesses having just opened in the community. Please remember to Shop MoVal. Recent openings include:

- **Devcon Security Services of California**—opened a local office in Moreno Valley in May 2011 to better serve its expanding customer base in Riverside County. The corporate office is in Florida and the company recently moved into California. Other offices in Southern California include Los

Angeles, San Diego, Irvine, Ontario, and Riverside. The Moreno Valley office is situated at 14340 Elsworth Street and currently has 8 employees, but will expand to 20 within the next few months (they're using the Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center for recruitment). Devcon Security provides sales and installation of residential and commercial alarm systems.

- **Valencia's Taco Shop**—is a new Mexican restaurant that opened in March 2011 at 22574 Alessandro Boulevard, situated just next door to Bud's Tire-near the SE corner of Alessandro and Elsworth. Valencia's Taco Shop is a family business and the menu includes a full range of Mexican cuisine, along with the reported largest 'Tora' in Moreno Valley. Check out Valencia's Taco Shop which is open seven days a week from 9 am to 9 pm.
- **Walker's Body by You Fitness Studio**—provides a new health club and fitness center that opened in March 2011 within Canyon Springs Plaza, at the NW corner of SR60 and Day Street. The owner—Nedra Walker is a Moreno Valley resident who is a nurse by profession, but pursued opening a fitness facility in the community where she resides. The club offers a full range of aerobic style classes, along with popular group programs such as zumba and kick-boxing.

Taste of the Valley

The Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce held the 6th Annual Taste of the Valley on Saturday, June 4 at the Conference & Recreation Center. 18 restaurants along with three wineries and a brewery participated in this year's event, which attracted about 350 people. I can personally attest to the tasty food and the enjoyable evening the event produced. Thanks to Oscar Valdepena and the many volunteers who helped with this top-notch community event.

I-Herb Expansion

Business is strong for I-Herb. After just nine months of operation in its new Distribution Center (DC), I-Herb is already moving to expand into using its full 360,440 S.F. building in the South Moreno Valley Industrial Area. I-Herb is working with its consulting team and City Development Services staff in preparing plans to double the size of its operation in Moreno Valley, which is located on Indian Street, near the Parris Valley Storm Channel. With the expansion, I-Herb expects to increase its workforce from 286 to over 350 employees by this fall. I-Herb will utilize the Employment Resource Center to help with the recruitment of new employees. I-

Herb is a leading supplier of natural products and supplements that relocated its entire DC and business operations to Moreno Valley last September.

Job Fair at ERC

Goodwill Enterprises International Inc. and Select Staffing recently worked with Riverside County Workforce Development and staff from the City's Employment Resource Center (ERC) in conducting a recruitment for new warehouse jobs at the Walgreens Distribution Center (DC) in Moreno Valley and the Hanes DC in Perris. 141 people participated in the recruitment event which was focused on hiring material handlers and pallet jack operators for these two large local DC operations. 80 people were hired and 45% or 36 were Moreno Valley residents.

Inland Foreign Trade Zone 244

On May 13, the U.S. Department of Commerce officially authorized expanding Riverside County's Foreign Trade Zone to go beyond the original boundary which previously included the March JPA property. Riverside County Economic Development Agency and March JPA officials, along with representatives from a number of cities including Moreno Valley had lobbied federal agencies for the past two years to allow Foreign Trade Zone 244 to update its zone boundaries to include all of Moreno Valley, Perris, Riverside, Mira Loma, and Corona. The first business to apply and receive foreign trade certification for benefits under the new zone area is the Skechers USA Distribution Center in the Rancho Belago area of eastern Moreno Valley.

The use of a Foreign Trade Zone is extremely important for businesses that export and import goods from foreign countries—like Skechers, because of the benefits a company receives from tax and tariff concessions. Other operating Foreign Trade Zones in the Inland Region include Ontario, Palm Springs and Victorville.

Economic Development Subcommittee

On June 8, the City's Economic Development Subcommittee conducted its monthly meeting that included the following agenda items:

- Follow-up discussion on the City's Economic Development Action Plan
- Further discussion on making Moreno Valley a 'Best Place to do Business'.

At the July 12, City Council meeting, the City Council will consider a series of recommendations aimed at making Moreno Valley a 'Best Place to do Business'. The next Economic Development Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 4 pm on July 14.

Q4 2010 and 2010 Calendar Year Sales Tax Revenue Summary

The encouraging news that came out of an early release of some sales tax revenue reports in April touted a 10.7% jump in 4th Quarter (Q4) sales tax revenue, on a cash basis only, as compared to Q4 2009 as the first double-digit increase in a quarter to quarter comparison since the Q4 2006. The comprehensive and complete sales tax revenue report generated by Hinderliter de Llamas and Associates (HdL), the City's sales tax consultant, actually shows a stronger sales tax revenue increase of 11.4% once adjustments were made for payment aberrations such as double payments or missed payments. The good news is that the Q4 2010 increase is the fourth consecutive quarterly sales tax increase after 11 straight quarterly decreases.

The Q4 2010 Sales Tax Revenue Summary report compares adjusted fourth quarter Q4 sales tax revenue totals with adjusted Q4 2009 totals (Q4 revenue is generated between October and December). HdL compiles the sales tax revenue data obtained from the State Board of Equalization. The release of data by the State and the preparation of the report by HdL typically occur approximately four to five months after the end of the respective quarter.

Fourth quarter retail sales are typically the calendar year's best quarter for sales over-all because it contains the holiday shopping season. This was clearly the case for calendar year 2010. Q4 sales tax receipts demonstrated a respect-able increase over first three quarters as shown. (*See Attachment No. 1*)

Adjusted Q4 sales tax revenue increases for the City of Moreno Valley were significantly higher than both Riverside County and the State with single digit increases of 7.9% and 7.3%, respectively. Nearly all Riverside County cities are experiencing positive sales tax performance with the exception of Canyon Lake and Calimesa with decreases of -4.7% and -17.1%, respectively.

The City of Moreno Valley is among 7 of 28 cities experiencing double-digit growth. Led by Desert Hot Springs with a 24.3% increase in sales tax revenue, Moreno Valley ranked 5th among those cities at an 11.4% increase. The seven cities with double digit increases were Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, Beaumont, Moreno Valley, Corona, and Coachella.

The table shown in *Attachment No. 2* compares the adjusted Q4 2010 sales tax revenues to Q4 2009 sales tax revenues for the City of Moreno Valley and other surrounding western Riverside County cities, as well as

Riverside County and the State of California, ranking the agencies by percentage change. Sales tax revenue reports for Riverside County cities were largely positive with many demonstrating Q4 2010 increases.

The pie chart shown in *Attachment No. 3* provides a graphic illustration of the percentage break-down of Moreno Valley's Q4 2010 sales tax revenue allocations by major business group. The largest contributor of point-of-sale revenue came from sales in the General Consumer Goods category, representing 43% of Moreno Valley's total allocation. With the exception of the Business & Industry category, Moreno Valley's sales tax revenue is well balanced between the major business categories.

Demonstrating Moreno Valley's Q4 spending changes from 2009 to 2010, the chart shown in *Attachment No. 4* categorizes spending by major business group.

Moreno Valley's ongoing course toward economic recovery is evident in the categories with double-digit increases in sales tax revenue. The **Autos & Transportation** category jumped in sales by 17.1% (\$53,918) over the Q4 in 2009. The rise in Autos & Transportation was directly reflective of consumer confidence and successful ownership at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall. All brands experienced increases in sales except for Moss Bros. Buick/GMC, which was only open one month as compared to the previous year when it was owned by Moreno Valley Buick. Q4 2010 high performing brands were Moss Bros. Toyota (22.84%), Moss Bros. Honda (25.22%), and Moss Bros. Chrysler Jeep Dodge (15.60%). The 10.6% (\$40,551) increase in the **Fuel & Service Stations** category is largely due to price increases. Moreno Valley's sales performances were slightly ahead of the State (13.5%) and just below the County (20.4%) in the Autos & Transportation category.

Significant single digit increases in Q4 sales tax revenue came from the following categories: **Building & Construction, General Consumer Goods and Restaurants & Hotels**. The 7.9% revenue increase in the Building & Construction category was largely due to the first time reporting of a new outlet (Concrete Tec) and gains for Porvene Doors (32.37%) and smaller increases for outlets such as South Coast Foam. The General Consumer Goods category experienced a 7.8% increase representing \$89,054 in additional sales. Overall, the category was helped by gains in major discount department store sales. Sales for Costco, Walmart Supercenter, and SuperTarget were all up. Additionally, family apparel outlets such as Ross, Burlington Coat Factory, Aeropostale, and JM Hollister

has a positive quarter. New reporting sales for iHerb made a sizeable contribution to the category gain as well as sales increases for electronics and appliance stores. In comparison, Moreno Valley's sales performances were ahead of the County (5.5%) the State (4.0%) in the General Consumer Goods category.

Moderate gains were achieved in the Restaurants & Hotels category with a 6.9% increase in sales overall. Restaurants such as Applebees, BJ's Chicago Pizza & Brewery, Mimi's Café, Olive Garden and Outback Steakhouse all had increases in sales. Also experiencing a positive quarter in this category were the following fast food restaurants: In N Out Burger, KFC, Mc Donalds, Panda Express, and Pizza Hut.

Drops in sales tax revenue for Q4 2010 were experienced by the remaining two major business group categories - **Food & Drugs and Business & Industry**. The 0.9% decline in the Food & Drugs category fell below that of County and State with sales increases of 7.3% and 6.9%, respectively. Historically, sales in Business & Industry have been low, however, sales suffered significantly as Ecolite closed out and there was a negative fund transfer for Access Electric to a new location.

The following identifies Moreno Valley's top twenty-five sales tax producers during the 4th Quarter 2010 (listed alphabetically):

- Arco (2)
- Best Buy
- Burlington Coat Factory
- Chevron (2)
- Concrete Tec
- Costco
- Food 4 Less
- Home Depot
- JC Penney
- Kohl's
- Lowe's
- Macy's
- Moss Bros. Chevrolet
- Moss Bros. Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge
- Moss Bros. Honda
- Moss Bros. Toyota
- Ross Dress for Less
- Sears
- Stater Bros.
- Super Target
- Tesoro Fuel
- Thrifty Gas
- Walmart Supercenter

The steady increases in revenue along with new outlets such as Buffalo Wild Wings and Panera Bread, and continued interest in Moreno Valley as a place to do business, are all indicators of a beginning of Moreno Valley's recovery. For more information, please refer to the *Moreno Valley Sales Tax Update* and the *California Forecast* prepared by Hinderliter de Llamas & Associates (HdL) that is available in the Economic Development Department or on the City's website.

Economic Development Summary

The Economic Development Summary has been updated for June and is available on the City's Website or via

hard copy in the information rack on the 2nd floor of City Hall.

Unemployment-May 2011

Unemployment continues to decrease—albeit slowly. Below is unemployment data issued by the California Department of Employment Development Department for the months of April and May 2011:

	<u>May 2011</u>	<u>April 2011</u>
State of CA	11.7%	11.8%
Riverside County	15.3%	13.5%
Banning	15.1%	15.4%
Beaumont	15.1%	15.4%
Corona	9.8%	10.0%
Hemet	16.6%	17.0%
Moreno Valley	15.3%	15.6%
Perris	20.4%	20.7%
Riverside	13.4%	13.6%
San Jacinto	19.8%	20.2%

Building & Safety Division

Skechers USA

Staff from the City’s Development Services is working with Highland Fairview and Skechers USA towards another occupancy of part of the Skechers facility in the Rancho Belago area of eastern Moreno Valley. Presently, a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) is in place for Skechers to occupy 1/3 of the 1.2 million square foot facility. In early June, Skechers secured official approval from the federal government for its Foreign Trade Zone designation that allowed Skechers to begin moving product into the Moreno Valley Distribution Center.

The next occupancy for Skechers will be for approximately 90% of the building and include everything except for the office area and retail store. Look for the next TCO to be in place by early August, with a completion of the entire project by the end of September.

New First Industrial Development Project

Development Services staff (Building & Safety, Planning, Land Development and Economic Development) is working with First Industrial Realty Trust towards the start of construction on a new 691,960 S.F. industrial-distribution building to be situated on Nandina, just west of Perris Blvd. First Industrial has negotiations going on with two prospective users and feels confident enough to pursue the development of the project, to be called the San Michele Logistics Center on a speculative basis. This is great news to have industrial development start back up after being suspended for several years because of the challenging economy.

Because of the timing needs for this project, the consideration of the approval of a Final Parcel Map will likely need to occur during the period when the City Council will be on summer recess. The goal is to have First Industrial be able to secure a grading permit by the end of July. Working to fast-track the processing of this project, including the possibility of having a Council meeting towards the latter part of July, makes sense due to the need to start more industrial development projects—all aimed at producing new jobs in the community. We hope the Council will work with us on this.

New YOC Coming

Work is progressing towards the opening of the new Youth Opportunity Center (YOC) in Moreno Valley. Staff from Building & Safety, Fire Prevention, Planning and Economic Development has been working with ResCare Inc. (the operator of the YOC) towards gaining occupancy of the 6,000 S.F. space by the end of June. Look for the YOC, which will be situated on the south side of Alessandro Boulevard—between Elsworth and Veterans Way, to open up by mid July. The YOC in Moreno Valley already has registered more than 100 youths interested in using the facility and its services. Once the YOC is open, City staff will work with ResCare and Riverside County on having an Open House event to showcase the new facility.

Social Security Administration Expansion

The presence of the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) will soon become bigger in Moreno Valley. Presently SSA operates a Field Office in Moreno Valley at 22815 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, just across the street from the Civic Center. With the growth in recent years of the Inland Region, SSA officials are moving to open a new Hearing Office in Moreno Valley to serve Riverside County for its Office of Disability Adjudication & Services. Presently SSA operates a Hearing Office in San Bernardino that serves all of Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The new Hearing Office to be situated in Moreno Valley will serve SSA Field Offices in Moreno Valley, Riverside, Hemet, Corona, Temecula, Palm Springs, Indio, and the Morongo Basin. The new Hearing Office in Moreno Valley will be the 22nd within SSA’s Region 9, which includes the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada. Other Hearing Offices located in Southern California include Downey, Long Beach, Los Angeles-Downtown, Los Angeles-West, Orange, Pasadena, San Bernardino, and Santa Barbara.

The new SSA Hearing Office will be situated within an entire floor of a Class A office building at 22690 Cactus Avenue, on the NW corner of Cactus Avenue and

Veterans Way. The new SSA Hearing Office facility will house 10 judges, 15 attorneys and 44 support staff. The SSA and their consulting team are presently working with the City on processing tenant improvement plans for the project. SSA is working with Economic Development staff through the City's ombudsman program to help coordinate and fast-track plans through Building & Safety, Planning and the Development Services process. SSA is hoping to have the new Hearing Office up and running in by early summer.

Code & Neighborhood Services Division

2011 Justice Assistance Grant

The Code & Neighborhood Services Division is preparing a grant submittal for the 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) allocation. The JAG program is federally funded through the Office of Justice Programs and allows jurisdictions to utilize funding for a variety of enforcement needs; including the prosecution of offenders, crime prevention and education of the community. Moreno Valley's JAG allocation for this coming year is established at \$91,557. Once the application is approved, the Code Compliance Division intends to utilize the funding to continue to support the City's Foreclosure Strike Team and the Weekend Code Enforcement programs.

As part of the application process, jurisdictions must receive approval from their governing body prior to submittal. The grant proposal was approved on June 28, by City Council.

Shopping Cart Containment Ordinance

At the May 17, Study Session, the City Council directed staff to develop a shopping cart containment ordinance in an effort to reduce the proliferation of abandoned shopping carts through out the community. Specifically, the City Council requested that all NEW businesses including markets or stores that use carts be required to install systems to prevent their removal from the property. The proposed program would also apply to businesses that use shopping carts if they expand or remodel there stores.

The City's Code & Neighborhood Services Official is currently drafting a modification of the City's existing Zoning ordinance with the assistance of Planning staff and the City Attorney's Office. Once it's complete, the ordinance will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and then submitted to the City Council for final approval. Staff anticipates the ordinance will be complete and placed on the City Council agenda for September 2011.

Neighborhood Clean Up

The final Neighborhood Clean Up for FY 10/11 occurred on Saturday, June 25, from 7:00 am through 11:00 am. About 100 households in Council District 2 located on Hythe and Formby Streets were included in this Neighborhood Clean Up. Residents utilized dumpsters provided by Waste Management to dispose of residential trash & debris, as well as yard/landscape equipment available from the City's Clean Up trailer. All services were provided to the residents free of charge. Thanks to the many employees who participated in this event.

Neighborhood Preservation Division

Oakwood Apartments

The Oakwood Apartments have been 100% occupied since the end of February. Since achieving stabilized occupancy, a waiting list has been developed for others interested in living at the Oakwood Apartments, situated on Perris Boulevard, between John F. Kennedy and Filaree. The 24-unit Oakwood Apartments project was developed by MacFarlane Costa Housing Partners, as an affordable housing project with financial assistance from the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Moreno Valley.

CDBG/HOME

The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) has finally issued actual funding allocations of FY 2011-12 for the CDBG and HOME programs. Moreno Valley received the following allocations:

- \$1,618,700 for CDBG
- \$588,285 for HOME

Moreno Valley's CDBG allocation for FY 2011-12 is 16.63% less than this current year and the HOME allocation is 11.74% below this current year's allocation. The City's Annual Action Plan for CDBG and HOME for FY 2011-12 has been submitted to HUD for final certification.

Auto Mall Freeway Sign

The new freeway sign is up and working at the Auto Mall. Its looks great! Included with this new attractive and larger freeway sign is a full-color state-of-the-art reader board. The goal is to more effectively market the Moreno Valley Auto Mall and the many different lines of cars available there for purchase. The nearly \$800,000 sign was funded through the RDA's Tax Allocation Bond Issuance. Other improvements are in the works for the Auto Mall including a new graphic design program, along with parking and landscape upgrades.

Sales are up at the Auto Mall and discussions are underway to bring in several new lines of vehicles. Moss

Bros. Auto Group is close to finalizing an agreement to add one more manufacturer by the end of summer, along with strong prospects for securing another by this fall. Additionally, Moss is involved in discussions with several other potential users about opportunities at the Moreno Valley Auto Mall.

Housing Resale Market-May 2011

The home resale market continues to struggle. Moreno Valley's average resale home value was \$153,910 in May 2011, which was a slight decline of 1.5% from the previous month of April. There were a total of 232 sale transactions in May as compared to 236 in April and 267 in March. During the first five months of 2011, there were 1,123 resale transactions in Moreno Valley as compared to 1,453 in the same five months in 2010. Home resale activity has slumped somewhat throughout Southern California so far in 2011. Many other nearby communities also saw their average resale values slip in May—with only Corona and Hemet/San Jacinto experiencing some modest positive growth.

- Corona +2.6%
- Hemet/San Jacinto +0.9%
- Moreno Valley -1.5%
- Riverside -1.5%
- Temecula/Murrieta -2.8%
- Perris -5.1%

Housing Element Secures State Approval

The California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) has informed the City of Moreno Valley that it has certified the City's updated Housing Element. Included with the updated Housing Element was the implementation of a higher zoning category R-30, along with the possibility of re-zoning areas on the eastern end of the community to non-residential uses as part of a re-work of the soon to expire Moreno Highlands Specific Plan Area. Having an approved Housing Element by HCD enables the City to pursue possible grant funding opportunities from the State of California—should they become available.

Rancho Dorado Apartments

Great news—the 2nd and final phase of the Rancho Dorado Apartments project has secured a funding allocation from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC). Only three projects in the entire Inland Region received funding allocations. The funding in the form of tax credits from CTCAC will enable the developer of the project—Palm Desert Development company to proceed with building the 79-unit project to be situated near the SE corner of John F. Kennedy and Perris Boulevard. When finished, the Rancho Dorado Apartments will provide 150 units of quality affordable

housing. Moreno Valley, through its RDA, is providing \$8.25 million in financial assistance towards Rancho Dorado. Presently, there are 160 people on a waiting list for the next phase of Rancho Dorado Apartments.

Hemlock Family Apartments

On June 28, the RDA Board approved an Affordable Housing Agreement with MV Hemlock LP for the development of a new 78-unit affordable housing development to be called Hemlock Family Apartments. Rancho Belago Developers Inc., through a limited partnership—MV Hemlock LP, will be the developer of the project, which will be situated on the north side of Hemlock Avenue, just west of Perris Boulevard. The proposed terms of the transaction include a total of \$7.5 million in financial assistance from the RDA and City HOME funds towards the development of the affordable housing project.

Planning Division

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on June 9th, and took the following actions:

- Approved a Plot Plan and Variance for a carwash/retail complex located at the northeast corner of Alessandro Boulevard and Graham Street adjacent to the main post office. The proposed carwash is a state of the art high efficiency facility. The retail component includes a convenience store that will sell beer and wine, along with a sandwich shop and an additional retail suite. The applicant is Gazretail Architects.
- Approved a revision to an approved Planned Unit Development located at the southeast corner of Pigeon Pass Road and Sunnymead Ranch Parkway. The proposal includes revised home plans for the remaining 15 lots of the 31 lot development. The proposed product is all single story. The applicant, GFR Enterprises, purchased and marketed the 16 built homes and also completed an interior greenbelt for the development.
- Selected a new Chair (Ray Baker) and Vice Chair (George Salas) for the next year.
- The Kaiser Medical Building, a 75,000 square foot office building on Iris Avenue adjacent to the Kaiser Hospital, was continued to July at the request of the applicant. The applicant is addressing issues that arose regarding the project during the public notice process. The proposed building includes an urgent care center, pharmacy, and various medical offices

and laboratories. The project also includes a new 372-space parking lot. The applicant, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, has indicated their intent to start construction of the facility later this year.

Administrative Approvals

- Plot Plan for revised paint colors for building entryways for the Moreno Valley Mall. The Mall has also upgraded landscape areas and is working with staff on new entryway signs.
- Plot Plan for revised exterior elevations for a commercial building located at the southeast corner of Old Highway 215 and Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Family Services Association.
- Plot Plan for a fitness training center in an existing building located at 24318 Hemlock Avenue (The Festival). The applicant is Daniel J. Marshall.
- Plot Plan for a dance studio in an existing indoor mall at 25211 Sunnymead Boulevard. The applicant is Maria G. Garcia.
- Plot Plan for a compressed natural gas fueling station in the Canyon Springs Shopping Center on Day Street. The station will complement the only other such facility in the City, which is on the south end of town in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area, by primarily serving fleet and private passenger vehicles. The applicant, Go Natural Gas, is developing a network of fueling stations in the region, with the next closest facility in Rialto.

Continental East Development

Continental East Development, the new owner of two former Empire Land projects, recently submitted an application for a 140-unit senior assisted living facility for property at the southwest corner of Moreno Beach Drive and Brodiaea Avenue, adjacent to the Moreno Beach Marketplace (Stater Bros.) shopping center. The new proposal would replace an existing approval for a condominium project on the same site. Continental East is also working towards submitting three other revised projects on properties on Lasselle Street in Moreno Valley Ranch, near Moreno Valley College.

West Ridge Commerce Center

The appeal filed by the applicant for the West Ridge Commerce Center, Ridge Realty Trust, has been scheduled for review at the July 12, City Council meeting. The project is an approximately 937,000 square foot warehouse/industrial building proposed for a 55-acre site on the south side of the Moreno Valley Freeway and west of Redlands Boulevard. The project includes a Zone Change and Municipal Code Amendment to permit the proposed use.

Southern California Edison Grant

Staff from Southern California Edison and the City recently held a kick off meeting for the Local Government Strategic Plan Strategies program grant approved last year. The grant will provide funding to expand and continue the Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Strategy, including the preparation of a greenhouse gas analysis, as well as provide funding for building inspector training in energy efficiency codes.

Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Plan

The kick off meeting with the consultant for the greenhouse gas analysis, Atkins North America Inc, was held in mid-June. The analysis will look at greenhouse gas emissions from both the City as an organization and the entire community. The analysis will provide recommendations for possible inclusion in the final draft of the City Council initiated Energy Efficiency and Climate Action Plan. The study is projected to be completed this October and will be funded entirely from the previously received Federal Stimulus Grant.

Dark Sky Ordinance

The Dark Sky Ordinance is scheduled for City Council review on July 12. The Planning Commission reviewed the Ordinance in April and recommended denial of proposed revisions to the City's outdoor lighting standards. The proposal is the follow up to a City Council request early last year to consider adoption of a Dark Sky Ordinance. Such consideration was required pursuant to the Settlement Agreement for the Highland Fairview Corporate Park. A denial resolution was approved by the Commission in May.

SCAG COMPASS Grant

The kick-off meeting for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Alessandro Corridor Implementation Study grant was held on June 8. RBF Consulting was selected to work on the grant. The grant will provide funding for contractual services of approximately \$150,000 with SCAG handling contract administration. Major components of the Study are implementation of R30 zoning along portions of Alessandro Boulevard, establishment of a mixed use overlay district along portions of Alessandro, the design of street cross sections for Alessandro that enhance transit, pedestrian and bicycle use, and the design of a prototype bus stop shelter. City staff will provide oversight of the work product development.

Prologis Business Park

Prologis has submitted a formal request to restart processing of its development plans for a 2,268,000 square foot warehouse/industrial business park proposed for the south side of the SR60 east of the Moreno Valley

Auto Mall. The proposed business park includes 5 buildings ranging in size from 186,000 to 861,000 square feet. The proposal includes a zone change to Light Industrial and a General Plan Amendment for the southern portion of the site from various residential designations to Business Park. Since an Environmental Impact Report is also part of the project, a peer consultant will be selected to assist staff in the review of document.

Western Realco

The first formal step in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the Western Realco industrial/warehouse complex occurred on June 29 when a Notice of Preparation meeting was held in the City Council Chambers. The proposed complex is located at the southeast corner of Heacock Street and Iris Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The prior project approvals were rescinded last year after the project's environmental documents were challenged and the court ordered changes to those documents. Although the court found fault with only one area of the environmental review (construction noise) Western Realco opted to complete an EIR for the project to minimize any future legal challenges for a new project approval. The EIR process will take approximately eighteen months to complete due to required California Environmental Quality Act timeframes. The complex includes four buildings, ranging in size from 16,732 to 1,103,003 square feet, with a total of 1,484,407 square feet on 67 acres. A peer consultant, RBF Engineering, was recently selected to assist staff in the review of the EIR document.

Foreclosures and Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for May shows a continued decrease in foreclosure activity in the City, similar to the County. The website reported one in 132 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure. This compares to a rate of one in 120 units in April, a 10% improvement. The current rate is also an improvement from May 2010, when the rate was one in 82 units, a 61% improvement. Foreclosure activity was 14% lower in the region, with the highest rates in communities with the highest levels of single family housing construction during the past building boom. Moreno Valley is in the middle of the list of local communities with Corona and Temecula. Slower growth areas such as Riverside and Banning had much better rates, and faster growth areas such as Beaumont and Murrieta had much worse rates. Calimesa had the lowest rate locally (1 in 886) and Winchester had the highest rate (1 in 31). By zip code, area 92555 had the highest rate in the City (1 in 58) and area 92557 had the lowest rates (1 in 176). Foreclosure activity decreased in all zip codes except 92557. Moreno Valley had 422 reported in

some stage of foreclosure in April, compared to 464 in March. The City of Riverside had the highest number of reported foreclosure properties at 705 and Corona had 459.

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates a decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City and continued stability in median asking prices. As of June 1, there were 1,119 homes listed for sale, compared with 1,117 on May 1 and 993 in June of last year. Last January marked the low point for inventory in recent years. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, and has generally increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 before flattening out the last few months. The median asking price \$156,500 compared with \$156,000 in May and \$155,000 last June. The current inventory of homes for sale is approximately a four month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered positive.

Highland Fairview Corporate Park

Highland Fairview has submitted a sign program for their Corporate Park on the south side of SR60 between Redlands Boulevard and Theodore Street, including Skechers USA. The proposed program includes two fifty-two foot high freeway oriented signs as well as monument signs along Eucalyptus Avenue and wall signs for the Skechers warehouse/distribution center that require variation from the City's sign code as permitted pursuant to approval of a sign program. Staff has provided comments back to the applicant and anticipates a re-submittal shortly to permit final review and approval of the program.

FINANCE & ADMIN SERVICES DEPT

Technology Services Division

Library Reservation & Printing System Receives Major Upgrade

During the week of April 18-21 the computer reservation and printing system at the Library was given a major upgrade. While the aging Pharos server was replaced with a new, larger server, the software version also moved from 7.2 to 8.2. The latest software is more reliable, will process the public's printouts faster and support the Windows 7 Operating System that is the standard for new desktops. This will allow Technology Services staff to upgrade the PCs at the Library to the latest software.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department Tour at Skechers

Fire Operations crews throughout the month of May were given guided walk through tours of the new

Skechers Distribution Center. All Moreno Valley firefighters as well as crews from Perris and Beaumont were in attendance. Tours were led by Fire Marshal Randy Metz and Jack Stone, V.P. of Construction for Highland Fairview. Firefighters were able to get an in-depth look at how they will access the building in the event of a response for medical, rescue, and fire emergencies. They were also able to walk the complete interior of the building to familiarize themselves with fire alarm & fire sprinkler systems, storage racking configurations, smoke removal operations, roof top configurations, product distribution via conveyor systems, and automated forklifts. Familiarization tours such as this one are critical for fire operations crews to preplan an emergency response in advance of various types of potential situations.

Firefighter of the Year

On May 24 the Fire Department, Mayor, and City Council recognized Firefighter II Paramedic Christopher Hoggatt as Firefighter of the Year 2010. Christopher Hoggatt's passion for the job as well as his keen knowledge and ability as a firefighter paramedic provides a direct benefit to the citizens and visitors of the City of Moreno Valley. Firefighter II Paramedic Hoggatt is currently assigned to Kennedy Park Fire Station 65.

HUMAN RESOURCES & RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

- Staff has been providing job placement services and interview training for laid off employees. Twenty-five City employees were laid off on May 31, as part of the 3-Year Deficit Elimination Plan.
- Staff is assisting the 400 STARS employees who are leaving City employment in June. Most of these employees will be hired under the City's contract with the non-profit organization THINK Together Inc. to administer the City's state funded Proposition 49 ACES After School Children Development Program, effective July 1.
- The Human Resources Director took a report and recommendations to the Finance Sub-Committee on June 13, regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) for New Employees Benefits Insurance Broker. The City's Proposals Committee completed its review and comments concerning the five proposals that were received.
- Staff initiated TargetSafety.Com on-line safety training and certification for field service employees in Public Works and Parks.

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Summer Reading Program Begins

The library's annual Summer Reading Program kicked off on Monday, June 13, and readers are registering in record numbers. This year's theme, "One World, Many Stories," includes programs for toddlers, children, teens, and adults. On the first day alone, staff signed up **460** participants consisting of 61 toddlers, 257 children, 61 teens, and 81 adults. That same day there were 1,745 visitors to the library (average is 1,100/day), 3,225 items checked out (average is 1300-1400/day) and issued 139 new library cards (average is 40/day). The Summer Reading Program is funded through the generous support of the Moreno Valley Friends of the Library and various local merchants.

The library is located at 25480 Alessandro Blvd. and is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, visit the library web site at <http://library.booksite.com/7252/> or call 951.413.3880.

Letter from Senator Emmerson Praises Library

The library recently received a congratulatory letter from State Senator Bill Emmerson, acknowledging Moreno Valley Public Library's selection as "Favorite Library" in the nationwide online poll conducted by Latinos in Social Media (LATISM). The letter said, in part, "It is an honor to represent such an outstanding library such as Moreno Valley Public Library in the California State Senate. The outstanding commitment to our community and their reading skills, leaves no doubt that Moreno Valley Public Library will continue to be successful in all its future endeavors."

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPT

Special Events

"Easel on Down" to Art in the Park hosted by the Arts Commission. Artists are invited to display their work and paint in the park. Each artist is encouraged to bring two to five completed works of art for the public to view. "Easel on Down" will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the fourth Saturday throughout the summer at Ridgecrest Park, 28506 John F. Kennedy Dr. Come and enjoy the ambiance and meet other artists. Bring your easel, table, art supplies, chair, and perhaps enjoy a picnic lunch. For more information, contact Commissioner Loretta R. Phillips at 951.247.4848 or email tagofmv@live.com, or Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services at 951.413.3280.

The Moreno Valley Wind Symphony performed on June 9 at the Conference and Recreation Center. The concert

theme was “Hooray for the Red White and Blue” continuing the annual patriotic theme in June. This concert was free and open to the public.

Park Projects

Lasselle Sports Park is in its final phase of design of the site and restroom/concession. The developer is in the process of obtaining required permitting from the Department of Water Resources, EMWD, and the City. Completion of the project is planned for fall/winter 2012.

Shadow Mountain Park officially closed on May 2 for construction of the ballfield lighting and restroom project. After the project is complete, there will be a 90-day maintenance period for establishment of replacement turf. Additional work will be added to slurry and stripe the parking lot and remove failing tree planters. Planned completion of maintenance and the park’s re-opening is scheduled for November 2011.

Installation of the new play equipment at John F. Kennedy and Woodland Parks is in process. The planned completion is July.

Parks Maintenance Division

Completed projects include installing shade covers over bleachers at Morrison; weed abating open space sites; aerating sports fields; installing new door to restroom building at Gateway Park; topping off fibar playground wood chips at JFK Park (after playground renovation); repairing rubber surfacing at various parks and playgrounds; and repairing playgrounds at Vista Lomas and TownGate II.

Projects in progress include repair of irrigation pump at Victoriano Park; replanting of beds at various park sites (ongoing); repairing damage from rain storms at Equestrian Center and Hidden Springs Paseo trails (75% complete); removing and repairing sump pump at Community Soccer Fields (ongoing); installing new walkway lighting at El Potrero Park (ongoing); aerating and fertilizing parks; and repairing area drains at Cottonwood Golf Course (ongoing).

Recreation Division

Senior Community Center

On June 7 an Ice Cream Social was sponsored by Caremore Health Plan. About 40 seniors were served ice cream.

On June 9 the Office on Aging came by to give out Farmers Market Coupons.

On June 16 the Center held its annual Father’s Day BBQ. More than 100 seniors enjoyed grilled BBQ chicken, hot

dogs, and hamburgers with all the fixings, potato salad, rice and beans. Sponsors included Healthnet, Cardenas, Food 4 Less, Costco, Sam’s Club, and Target.

The June Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on June 23. 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 a cake and ice cream.

On June 24 we had the monthly Wii Dance Party, which was sponsored by MD Care. Various gift cards were given to the winners of the dance party.

The next big event is the Texas BBQ on July 14.

Recreation Programs and Sports

The annual Time for Tots graduation was held on June 1 at the Conference and Recreation Center. After more than two days of rehearsals, 69 Time for Totters performed three songs for their family and friends, stated what they wanted to be when they grew up, were showcased in a slideshow, and received their diplomas. The entire evening was recorded by MVTV-3, and staff would like to thank them for their continued support.

With summer quickly approaching, staff has been busy recruiting contract instructors for a variety of new classes and programs for the summer sessions including Singing and Theater, Baby Signing, Fun and Easy Spanish, Reshape your Body, and an additional Kinder Karate class.

May was an exciting month for the participants of the Sunshine Social program. The annual prom, with the theme “Enchanted,” was held on May 18. Participants came dressed in their best and danced the night away to music specially prepared for them. A royal court was crowned during the event. More than 35 participants joined in the special occasion. MVTV-3 also attended the event to showcase the evening on a future episode on the City’s local cable channel.

The youth basketball league started on June 25 and will keep the youth busy through the summer until the championships are held on July 30.

The summer adult softball league has started with 42 teams competing in six divisions. Games began on June 6 and are being held on Sundays, Mondays, and Thursdays at March Field Park and Sunnymead Park. The summer season will run through August.

The women’s soccer league has completed its winter season. Summer league will begin in early July.

Senior Community Center

The May Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on May 26. 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 a cake and ice cream.

Grant Programs

"A Child's Place" program is accepting applications for the Summer Program at either a free or reduced cost to families. Parents must either be working or attending school to qualify.

Children receive free meals and weekly field trips at no cost to the parents.

Registration is underway for the STARS/THINK Together after school program for school year 2011/2012.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

MVPD Officer or the Quarter

On March 03, at about 4:20 AM, Watch-I patrol officers responded to and investigated an armed robbery that had just occurred at the Best Western Suites, located at 24840 Elder St., Moreno Valley. During the investigation, they were able to wake and contact the manager who was able to access and provide them with security video footage of the suspect and a possible suspect vehicle.

Three hours later, at about 7:25 hours, Officer Kevin Dixon located a possible suspect vehicle in the drive-thru at the McDonalds on Elder Street. Officer Dixon and assisting officers conducted a felony vehicle stop and detained the occupants of the vehicle. Robbery Suppression Team (RST) personnel assisted in the investigation and after an in-field show up was conducted, the passenger was positively identified as the armed suspect in the robbery at Best Western. On scene RST personnel recognized the suspect in this case as a close match for the suspect in numerous other commercial robberies in Moreno Valley and possibly one in Hemet.

Both suspects were transported to MVPD for questioning, and with assistance from the Burglary Suppression Team (BST) and the MVPD Special Enforcement Team (SET), two residences were placed under surveillance pending search warrants. With great teamwork and investigation, two search warrants were written and served (24935 Myers and 27211 Golden Fields) and the suspects ultimately confessed to a total of 19 robberies, 11 of which occurred in the City of Moreno

Valley. The suspects provided investigating RST officers with intimate details of their methodology on each robbery as well as the amounts of money and/or property taken. During the service of the search warrants, two handguns were confiscated as well as additional pieces of evidence. Both handguns were confirmed as those used in numerous commercial robberies.

Because of the heads up police work and good observation skills of Officer Kevin Dixon, this serial robbery crew was captured and taken off the streets of Moreno Valley before they could victimize anymore citizens. This was a very important arrest that led to several other arrests, and brought down a robbery crew that was operating out of Moreno Valley. Officer Dixon is well deserving of this commendation. Officer Dixon will be recognized during the July 12 City Council special presentations.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

2011 Pavement Resurfacing Project

On March 8, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. to construct the 2011 Pavement Resurfacing Project. The contractor started the construction on May 2, 2011. This project resurfaces six streets: Kitching Street (Fir Avenue to Cottonwood Avenue), Fir Avenue (Perris Boulevard to Lasselle Street), Perris Boulevard (Webster Avenue to Sunnymead Boulevard), Indian Street (Ironwood Avenue to Sunnymead Boulevard), Manzanita Avenue (Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard), and Cactus Avenue (Commerce Center Drive to Elsworth Street). The work includes removing a thin layer of existing asphalt pavement and replacing/overlaying with rubberized asphalt concrete for Cactus Avenue, Indian Street and Manzanita Avenue. For Fir Avenue, Kitching Street, and Perris Boulevard, the existing asphalt concrete pavement is ground up, mixed with asphalt/oil in place, and re-layed back in the streets. After pavement recycling, these streets are then overlayed with rubberized asphalt concrete to provide smooth and dark finish surface. The project also includes removal and replacement a number of access ramps along above streets to meet ADA requirements.

2011 Local Street Pavement Resurfacing – Phase 1

On March 8, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc. to construct the 2011 Local Street Pavement Resurfacing – Phase 1 project. The contractor started the construction on May 2. Phase 1 of the project resurfaces twenty six (26) local streets which are included in the approved Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The existing asphalt

concrete pavement is to be ground up, hauled to designated processing plant, mixed with additional asphalt/oil, and re-layed back in the streets. After pavement recycling, the streets are overlaid rubberized asphalt concrete to provide smooth and dark finish surface. The project also includes removal and replacement a number of access ramps to meet ADA requirements. Upon completion of Phase 1, and depending on funding availability/remaining from Phase 1, the City might move forward with the construction of Phase 2 of the project.

SR-60/Nason Street Interchange

Work is well underway on the SR-60/Nason Street Interchange Phase 1. Main activities are placing new storm drain pipes, forming and pouring the two new concrete retaining walls on the south side of the freeway, placing fill material for the new ramps, and raising the grade of Nason Street. During the summer and fall, there will be planned closures of the ramps in order to switch traffic from the old ramps to the new ramps. Staff is continuing its outreach program, including working with schools, residents, and Stoneridge Towne Center businesses. Handouts, posters, and presentations have been made. Staff is also proactively working with SuperTarget to facilitate traffic during construction. Construction started mid-February 2011 and is expected to take 1 year for Phase 1. Phase 2, bridge replacement, will take place after completion of Phase 1, and is expected to take 18 months. To sign up for project updates, please visit the City's "Route 60 Nason" link on the city's website. A toll-free number has also been set up as 1-888-493-8410.

Perris Boulevard – Southbound Lane To Sr-60 Westbound On-Ramp

Due to high traffic volumes using Perris Boulevard, both entering the westbound SR-60 on-ramp and proceeding south, an additional lane is needed to improve capacity. This project will add a right-turn lane from Elder Avenue to the SR-60 westbound on-ramp, reconstruct two access ramps and sidewalk, and modify traffic signals at the intersection of Perris Boulevard and Elder Avenue and Perris Boulevard and SR-60 westbound on-ramp. This project is funded by Measure "A" (125) funds. Right of way acquisition is required for 1 property. Acquisition is in progress. PS&E is at 100% completion. Caltrans has issued the E.P. Construction is tentatively scheduled from June 2011 to September 2011, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Heacock Street Improvements (Hemlock To Ironwood)

This project consists of widening approximately 500 feet of the west side of Heacock Street from 390 feet north of Hemlock Avenue to 530 feet south of Ironwood Avenue.

The project also includes new sidewalk and joining existing roadway and sidewalks at both ends of the project. Construction is scheduled from July 2011 to September 2011.

Ironwood Avenue Improvement From Heacock Street To Perris Boulevard

This project is the second phase of the Ironwood Avenue from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard. This project will construct full street improvements on both sides of Ironwood Avenue from Heacock Street to Perris Boulevard. The improvements will include widening the road by constructing two additional lanes and installing curb, gutter, and sidewalk. There are 16 Southern California Edison (SCE) power poles to be relocated prior to the project construction. The project construction is scheduled in Fiscal Year 2011-2012 pending fund availability.

Morrison Park Fire Station

This project will construct a new fire station at the northeast corner of Cottonwood Avenue and Morrison Street occupying approximately 1.5 acres. The Morrison Park Fire Station will be a two-bay fire station with low maintenance landscaping design. The project is funded with Redevelopment 2007 Tax Allocation Bonds. The design is at 95% completion. The project will be advertised for bid in mid July this year. Construction will start in October 2011.

Transportation Division

SB 821 Grant

In March 2011, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) issued a call for projects relating to the SB 821 funding program for the construction of Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities. Public Works responded with an application to perform ADA upgrades at multiple locations throughout the City. The City generated a project with an estimated cost of \$150,000 of which \$75,000 was requested from the SB 821 funding program. Though an extremely competitive evaluation process with 29 other agency project submittals, the City of Moreno Valley was selected to receive funding for the full amount requested.

The major element of this project is to construct ADA compliant curb ramps in areas with demonstrated high pedestrian traffic relating to schools, transit stops, and major commercial shopping destinations. Specific roadways that will be enhanced with this project include Alessandro Boulevard, Patricia Street, Cottonwood Avenue, John F. Kennedy Drive, and Manzanita Avenue. Additionally, pedestrian countdown timers and ADA compliant push buttons will be installed at several traffic

signal locations along Alessandro Boulevard and
Sunnymead Boulevard.