

# CITY MANAGER'S

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Michelle Dawson, City Manager

## City Manager

### Employee Giving Campaign

Team MoVal's generosity is in full swing as City employees participate in our annual giving campaign. Proceeds from several fundraising activities will be provided to local charities. Events include department basket opportunity drawings, Denim Days, the annual "Department Feud" game show, silent auction and the Chili Cook-Off and Halloween Costume contest. Special thanks to our dedicated Employee Giving Campaign Committee led by Chair Kathy Savala: Janelle Bizzle, Denise Cooper, Liz Girón, Bob Lorch, Melissa McClain, Angel Migao, Mitchell Quinonez, Mayra Robledo, Mary Watts, and Erin Weaver.

### 2017 Mayor's Challenge

Moreno Valley has submitted a very comprehensive proposal for consideration in the Bloomberg Philanthropies 2017 Mayor's Challenge. Cities across the nation compete by submitting an application describing an urgent challenge and how they will tackle that challenge in an innovative way. The grand prize winner will be awarded \$5 million and four cities will each win \$1 million to bring their ideas to life.

The City partnered with Moreno Valley College and the Riverside County Office on Education to develop a submission addressing residents' challenge to obtain basic employment to support one's household vs. pursue education and training that is essential to achieve lifelong economic success. The application proposes to replace the "Earn vs. Learn" paradigm with "Earn While You Learn" and create a pathway to the American Dream for all families in our community.

Our idea is to remove barriers to career training by providing stipends to replace up to \$5,000 in wages that local residents would forego in

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order to attend technical training or education directly related to employment in the logistics or medical fields. The grant application has been submitted and we appreciate the assistance of our community partners in putting together what we hope will be a winning application.

### Satellite Library Update

Demolition has been completed at the site of the City's new satellite library branch and RS Construction of Upland, CA has started the tenant improvements. The location of the new library branch will be inside the Moreno Valley Mall, on the second floor at the northeast corner next to Home Town Buffet. Look for future updates and a December grand opening event.

## Library Services

### **Building Your Future Series: Choices, Connections, Careers:**

Moreno Valley Public Library staff is partnering with 4-H to provide career training to teens. Classes were held September 6th, September 13th, September 20th, September 27th, October 4th, and October 11th. Through this series, teens learned about how their choices will impact their employment futures. Teens were provided with the skills to understand various aspects of post-secondary education and how to build a portfolio.

### General Library Statistics:

- Library staff answered 1,961 library patron questions
- Library staff created 622 new library cards
- Library staff provided 114 computer guest passes to out-of-state visitors
- The library had 23,157 library patrons visits
- The library opened for 297 hours

### October Library programs:

- Preschool Storytime
- Teen Night
- Bilingual Storytime
- Family Night
- Inland Scribes Sundays
- Californians Discussion Panel
- Dora Nelson Museum Presentation
- Clarence Muse Presentation
- "The Great Migration" Film Discussion

### Library Patron Trends:

- Library patrons completed 406 15 minute computer sessions
- Library patrons completed 283 30 minute computer sessions
- Library patrons completed 3,651 60 minute computer sessions
- Library patrons completed 1,104 Children's computer sessions

### Program Statistics:

- Bilingual storytime hosted 175 attendees
- Family Night programs hosted 107 attendees
- Preschool Storytime programs hosted 157 attendees



# Human Resources Department

Recruitments		Workers' Compensation (WC)	
New Recruitments:	7	New WC Claims	2
Ongoing Recruitments	3	Ongoing Open WC Claims	30
Closed Recruitments	12	Closed WC Claims	1

Total Employees: 443

Retirements: Tony Garcia, Lead Parks Maintenance Worker, Parks & Community Services Department

## New Hires/Change in Status/Promotions



Angela Medina  
Community Services Coordinator  
Parks & Community Services Department



Jesus Mata  
Lead Parks Maintenance Worker  
Parks & Community Services Department



Rosemary Pearson  
Senior Parking Control Officer  
Community Development Department



Vera Sanchez  
Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Community Development Department



Kathryn Vigil  
Administrative Assistant  
Fire Department

## Community Development Department

### Animal Services

#### Results of Pet Adoption Events in August

**Whisker Wednesdays** cat & kitten pet adoption promotion held at the Animal Shelter every Wednesday during the month of August resulted in a total of 60 cats adopted along with an additional 4 kittens being placed into foster homes. Cats were adopted for a \$5 all-inclusive adoption fee which covered the spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip, and vaccinations.

The third annual **NBC 4 & Telemundo 52's "Clear the Shelters"** pet adoption promotion at the Animal Shelter was held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and the results reflect more positive outcomes for our furry friends. This event attracted well over 400 visitors to the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter looking for that special pet, as reflected in the pictures attached. A total of 38 pets (20 dogs and 18 cats) were adopted in just 6 hours!! This pet adoption promotion offered adoption fees at \$20 for any dog and \$5 for any cat covering the pet's spay-neuter surgery, a HomeAgain microchip, and vaccinations.

These combined pet adoption events resulted in the **positive outcomes for 102 pets!!**



## Upcoming Events

The following upcoming events are planned during 2017 at the Moreno Valley Animal Shelter:

- “Halloween” Pet Adoption Event – Friday, October 27, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- National Animal Shelter/Rescue Appreciation Week – Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic – Saturday, November 11, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Animal Shelter, Rabies vaccinations are \$6 and HomeAgain microchip with registration are only \$10 per pet. Other routine vaccinations will be offered at a discount.
- “Home 4 the Holidays” Pet Adoption Event – Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## Administration

### First Nandina

The First Nandina project was approved by the Planning Commission in October, 2014. Demolition of the existing structures on the site was completed in April, 2016 and grading began this year. The project proposes to construct a 1.45 million square foot warehouse/distribution center on 73 acres located at the southwest corner of Heacock Street and Nandina Avenue in the Moreno Valley Industrial Area. The developer, First Industrial Properties, has received strong interest from potential tenants prompting proposed modifications to add additional truck parking on the site.

### March Business Center

Western Realco’s March Business Center project at the southeast corner of Iris Avenue and Heacock Street, in the Moreno Valley South Industrial Area, is more than 80% complete to date. The project was approved for 1,484,000 square feet of warehouse/logistics space on the 75-acre site. The first two buildings, the larger of which encompasses 1,103,000 square feet, are complete. Western Realco has sold both buildings and the larger building has been leased to Floor and Décor with operations under way. The second, smaller structure has tenants considering the location.

### Karma Automotive

The tenant improvement for Karma Automotive, at 17100 Perris Boulevard, is approximately 98% complete. The process of testing of all assembly and paint equipment, robots, computers, and procedures is complete. Karma has completed their “test” vehicles, attended auto shows, and is-producing cars for sales this summer. The Certificate of Occupancy was issued in September

### Prologis

The 601,810 SF Prologis industrial building on the corner of Graham Street and Brodiaea Avenue has been issued a building permit and construction is underway (look to the East from City Hall for a view of the construction).

### SimpliCity Kiosk – Doing Business Just Got Easier at City Hall

Access to Development Services information is now available to developers, residents, businesses, and visitors to City Hall via the new Simplicity kiosk located adjacent to the Concierge desk in the first floor lobby.



The easy-to-use touch screen kiosk provides access to current Building, Code, Fire Prevention, Land Development, Planning, and Special Districts records. Users may search records within a specific department/division or across all divisions, by record number, parcel number, address and/or date range. Search results display basic record information including description, record and inspection status, and related records.

Future enhancements to the citizen access Simplicity portal will provide users with a wider range of record detail and e-government services.

## Building & Safety Division

### Quick Statistics

The following Building & Safety Division statistics are a comparison of August year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

<b>BUILDING &amp; SAFETY</b>	<b>August 2017</b>	<b>August 2016</b>
Customer Counter Visits-Total/Daily Average	888-39	728-32
Building Permits Issued	433	245
Construction Valuation	\$38,260,395	\$7,545,646
Construction Inspections Performed	1,810	1,639
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	43	16
Plan Check Activity	201	110
Monthly Revenue	\$353,127	\$255,752

<b>CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY</b>	<b>Business Name</b>
BFC17-0087	Karma Automotive
BFC17-0065	Veterans Benefits Office
<b>Temporary Certificates of Occupancy</b>	
BFC17-0016 (renewal)	Serta Simmons
BFC16-0001	Marinaj Banquets & Events
BFC16-0210 & BFC16-0211	Riverside County Probation
<b>New Construction Certificates of Occupancy</b>	
BFC16-0195	O'Reilly Auto Parts (Perris Blvd)
<b>Restaurant Certificates of Occupancy</b>	
BFC16-0150	Pieology
BFC16-0005	Popeye's
<b>Tract Certificates of Occupancy</b>	
<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Developer &amp; Tract #</b>
39	Pacific Communities - Tract 30268
23	Pacific Communities – Tract 33256
6-15, 38-42	RSI – Tract 22180-3
1, 3-7	Lennar – Tract 32515

## Projects

- Building permits have now been issued and construction has commenced on a 104 guest room Holiday Inn Express and a multi-tenant retail building at the northeast corner of Day and Eucalyptus, the former site of Robertson's Ready Mix. Plan check progresses on a four-story 114 guest room Residence Inn and a 76 gas station and convenience store. These are the first submittals for the "Quarter Project" which will eventually also include a drive-thru fast-food restaurant and a second retail/restaurant building. Leases have been signed by both Fat Burger and ZPizza to occupy spaces in the center.
- The Cactus Commerce Center, to be located at Cactus Avenue and Commerce Center Drive, has submitted plans for a 37,000 sf warehouse building. The first phase of the project will include a diesel and gas station, car wash, and drive-through restaurant. Future submittals to complete the project will include two additional restaurant pads and a small industrial building.
- Tenant improvements are now complete for CulichiTown. The sushi and Mariscos Sinaloa style restaurant, located on Sunnymead Boulevard between Graham and Heacock Streets, has been issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and is open to the public.
- A building permit has been issued and construction is now underway on a new retail building at Towngate Promenade. This building will house new locations for both "Café Rio Mexican Grill" and "The Habit." Tenant improvement plans for both have been submitted and are currently in review.
- Popeye's and Pieology are the two latest additions to the Towngate Promenade. These two new restaurants have both been granted occupancy and are open to the public.
- Permits have been issued and work is underway on a new speculative industrial shell building at Nandina and Hemlock Avenues. "Nandina A," a 793,903 sf tilt-up building is the latest in industrial structures attracting new business to Moreno Valley's growing industrial sector.
- A building permit has been issued and construction is now underway on a 6,000 sf tenant improvement for an "International House of Pancakes" within Iris Plaza. The well-known breakfast chain will be located in the building originally occupied by Fitness 19.
- Jerome's Furniture has completed the plan review process and has obtained building permits for the renovation of the vacant Sports Chalet building on Day Street. Jerome's Furniture, a major furniture store supplier, will be a welcome addition to the shops and center at Towngate Crossing.
- The Villa Camille 112 unit apartment complex, located at Edgemont and Eucalyptus Avenues, has been issued Certificates of Occupancy on the first phase of the project.

## Code & Neighborhood Services

### Quick Statistics

The following Code & Neighborhood Services Division statistics are a comparison of August year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

<b>CODE &amp; NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES</b>	<b>August 2017</b>	<b>August 2016</b>
Cases Initiated	390	513
Closed Case Investigations	445	495
Parking Citations Issued	2,024	2,527
Administrative Citations Issued	56	64
Counter Customers	369	476

## Planning

### Quick Statistics

The following Planning Division statistics are a comparison of August year over year (2017 and 2016) activity:

<b>PLANNING</b>	<b>August 2017</b>	<b>August 2016</b>
Counter Customers	348	255
Entitlement Major/Minor Applications	12	25
Plan Check Submittals	68	92
Application Fees	\$89,692	\$38,539

### Planning Commission

August 24, 2017

- A Conditional Use Permit was approved to allow for the sale of beer and wine within an existing convenience store located at 13373 Perris Boulevard. The project site is located in City Council District 1.
- A Variance was approved to reduce the street side yard setback from 15 feet to 11.9 feet for one single-family lot within RSI Development's tract located northwesterly of Perris Boulevard and Gentian Avenue (Tract 22180-2, Lot 48. The development of homes is well underway within the tract. The project site is located in City Council District 4.

### City Council

- No items to report

### Key Administrative Approvals

- Two Model Home complexes were approved for two new KB Home residential tracts. One is located in District 2 and one is located in District 3.



- A Substantial Conformance to Conditional Use Permit 3060 was approved to allow the increase in capacity of the Moreno Valley Solid Waste Recycling and Transfer Station (MVRT) from 2,000 tons per day to 2,500 tons per day with a weekly limit of 15,000 tons. The project site is located at 17700 Indian Street and 24747 Nandina Avenue both of which are located within City Council District 4.
- Four separate Plot Plans and one Conditional Use Permit were approved for various minor development projects throughout the City.

### Key Case Submittals

- A Plot Plan with hearing application was submitted for a Golden Corral restaurant (approximately 11,400 square feet) located on Sunnymead Boulevard east of Pigeon Pass Road. The project site is located within City Council District 1.
- A Plot Plan with notice, no hearing application was submitted for a trailer parking yard with 93 parking stalls for trucks and trailers and conversion of an existing residential structure into an office building. The project site is located at 24811 Rivard Road within City Council District 4.
- (PEN17-0124) A Plot Plan application with no hearing was submitted for an Options for Youth Public Charter School at 23651 Sunnymead Boulevard. The project site is located within City Council District 1.

### Advanced Planning Highlights

- Reviewing a Notice of Preparation from the City of Perris for the Duke Warehouse 2 Environmental Impact Report. The project proposes an amendment of the Perris Valley Commerce Center Specific Plan to modify the land use designation from Business Professional Office to Light Industrial, for a 1,189,860 square foot industrial warehouse building with supporting office. The project site is 0.25 miles south of the Moreno Valley City limits at southeast corner of Perris Boulevard and Markham Street.
- Staff worked with SCAG to complete the review of consultant proposals for the Nason/Alessandro highest and best land use study. Interviews and final consultant selection will occur in September.

## **Economic Development Department**

### Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen and Pieology Restaurants Open

The City of Moreno Valley is proud to congratulate Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen on its second Moreno Valley location, with its newest restaurant located in the TownGate Square shopping center, at 12835 Day Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92507 near the north-east corner of Campus Parkway and Day Street in Moreno Valley.

Originating in New Orleans, Louisiana, Popeye's offers Louisiana-style fried chicken, with a host of Cajun inspired side dishes. Popeye's has been serving its famous dishes for more than 45 years, and we are proud to serve-it-up here in Moreno Valley.





The City of Moreno Valley is equally proud to welcome Pieology. Pieology is a fast-casual custom artisan style pizzeria founded by Carl Chang in Fullerton, California in 2011. Recently partnered with the Panda Restaurant Group in 2016, this “customized-pizza-in-five-minutes” concept is thrilling pizza enthusiasts and foodies nationwide and are rising to the top in the business world, having expanded their restaurants worldwide. Moreno Valley is excited to have Pieology join the culinary options this City boasts. Pieology is also located in the TownGate Square shopping center, at 12835 Day Street, Moreno Valley, CA 92557.

Other restaurants slated to open in the near future include:

- Café Rio – TownGate Promenade (under construction)
- Fatburger – The Quarter (lease signed)
- Habit Burger – TownGate Promenade (under construction)
- IHOP – Iris Plaza (under construction)

For more information about the City’s new businesses or to learn more about establishing a business in Moreno Valley, please visit [www.morenovalleybusiness.com](http://www.morenovalleybusiness.com) and contact the Economic Development Department at 951.413.3460 or by email at [EDTeam@moval.org](mailto:EDTeam@moval.org).

Unemployment Report

Unemployment in Moreno Valley has declined substantially since it peaked at 17.5% in 2010 to 6.7%. The latest release from the California Employment Development Department (EDD) indicates that employment in Moreno Valley and throughout Riverside County remains consistent with seasonal trends.

The following table provides comparison unemployment data for the State, County, and several Inland Empire cities:

	July 2016 Rate	July 2017 Rate	July 2017 Unemployed Count
California	5.5%	5.4%	1,041,500
Riverside County	7.1%	6.3%	66,400
Banning	6.3%	5.5%	600
Beaumont	4.2%	3.7%	700
Corona	5.6%	4.9%	4,000
Eastvale	4.8%	4.2%	1,200
Hemet	9.9%	8.7%	2,600
Menifee	8.3%	7.4%	2,800
<b>Moreno Valley</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>6,200</b>
Murrieta	5.7%	5.0%	2,700
Perris	10.4%	9.1%	2,700
Riverside	6.8%	6.0%	9,100
San Jacinto	10.6%	9.4%	1,700
Temecula	5.1%	4.5%	2,400

## Home Resale Market

Home sales information from CoreLogic ([www.corelogic.com](http://www.corelogic.com)) indicates that Moreno Valley's average home resale volume experienced a slight decline, while the home resale value experienced a slight increase.

Comparing year to year, Moreno Valley's average resale housing price has increased 8.1% since July 2016 - a \$22,783 increase in one year.

The monthly and annual volume and value trends are summarized in the chart below.

	June 2017	July 2017	Monthly Change June '17 v July '17	July 2016	Annual Change July '17 v July '16
Number of Resale Transactions	222	207	Down 6.8% 15 less units sold	197	Up 5.1% 10 more units sold
Home Resale Value	\$299,176	\$304,082	Up 1.6% \$4,906	\$281,289	Up 8.1% \$22,793

## 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](http://www.morenovalleybusiness.com).

## Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center, One-Stop Shop for Holiday Hiring

Looking to find a job this holiday season? Looking to make some extra money for the holidays? Did you know that some of the top employers in Moreno Valley are now hiring?

Find out about jobs with top employers like Amazon, Karma Automotive, DB Schenker, Hyundai of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley College, UC Riverside and Kaiser Permanente who have recently used the ERC to advertise hot jobs!

Whether you are unemployed or looking to polish your resume and interview skills the ERC can help!

At the ERC, the City of Moreno partners with the Riverside County Workforce Development Center to provide the following services at NO COST to job seekers:

- Access to computers, copiers and fax machines
- Resume preparation and workshops
- Employment information workshops
- Job boards
- Interview preparation (mock interviews)
- WiFi for jobseekers
- Friendly & Knowledgeable staff



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Ask about our monthly workshops featuring tips for getting hired with top employers, resume writing or interviewing skills.

The Moreno Valley ERC is located 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3 in the TownGate Shopping Center. The facility is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 951.413.3920, email [erc@moval.org](mailto:erc@moval.org) or visit [moval.org/erc](http://moval.org/erc) for more information or to join the Hire MoVal Job Seekers list and receive job alerts delivered straight to your inbox.



Accelerating Opportunities for Jobseekers!

Moreno Valley Employment Resource Center – Service Update

During the month of August 2017, the ERC provided the following services:

	August 2017	Fiscal Year To Date
Total Number of People Assisted	1,249	2,348
Number of Workshops	3	5
Number of Hiring Events	4	11

The ERC is located at 12625 Frederick Street, Suite K-3, in the TownGate Center and is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, residents and employers are encouraged to call 951.413.3920, email [erc@moval.org](mailto:erc@moval.org) or visit [www.moval.org/erc](http://www.moval.org/erc).

In the market for a new job? Join the [Hire MoVal Job Seekers' List](#) today.



## Financial & Management Services Department

### Financial Operations Division

FY 2017-18 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Grants Awarded

Financial Operations is pleased to announce that awards for the 2017-18 program year for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Programs (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) have been issued. Congratulations to various non-profit organizations slated to receive funding in the new fiscal year, as well as four City Departments who successfully completed for grant funding, including: Community Development, Public Works and the Moreno Valley Police Dept.

Approximately \$2.6M in federal HUD grants are allocated to the City on an annual basis to provide programs and services that benefit Moreno Valley’s low-to-moderate income residents and distressed neighborhoods; development of affordable housing programs; and to provide emergency support for the City’s homeless or those at risk of homelessness.

## Facilities

### Installation of the Air Conditioning Units at the Conference & Recreation Center

One of the air conditioning units at the Conference and Recreation Center recently failed. The costs to make repairs to the existing unit were close to the cost to replace the unit. The decision was made to replace the unit with a newer, more efficient model. This HVAC unit supplied air conditioning to the Alessandro B meeting room, which is used often for city and rented events.



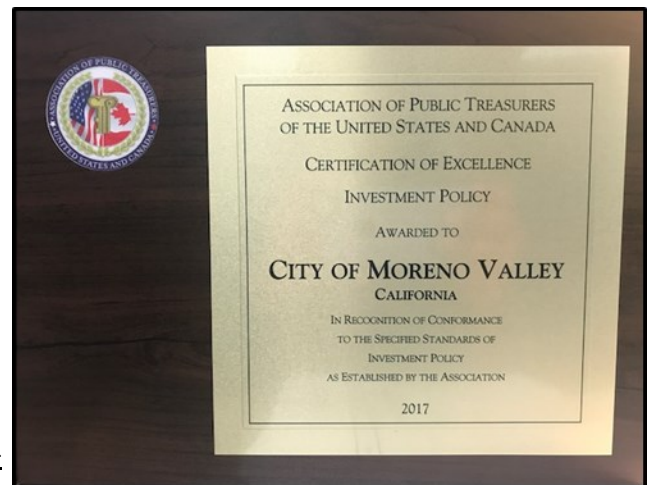
## Treasury Operations Division

### Certification of the Investment Policy

The City has been awarded the Certification of Excellence by the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada (APTUS&C) for the City’s investment policy. The APTUS&C provides local agencies with the opportunity to submit their investment policies for review by a panel of treasurers from other jurisdictions to ensure that the investment policy reflects industry best practices. This is the fourth time the City has been awarded this certification.

### Annual Appropriation Limit for FY 2017-18

The City Council and the Community Services Board of Directors approved the annual Appropriation Limit (“Gann Limit”) for FY 2017-18. The Appropriations Limit sets a cap on the amount of tax based revenues that can be appropriated or expensed for the coming budget year. The Gann Limit changes from year to year reflect the change in population and the change in the cost of living. The City is currently 38% below the limit and the Community Services District is currently 43% below



### Refinancing of the 2007 Redevelopment Agency Tax Allocation Bonds

The City completed the refinancing of the 2007 Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Tax Allocation Bonds. In March, 2017, when this effort began, projected savings on the refinancing of the bonds were estimated to be \$2.9 million over the 20 year life of the bonds. The bonds went to market on August 22, 2017, and resulted in actual savings of \$9.24 million. With the dissolution of the RDA this savings will be redistributed to the various taxing agencies and the City’s General Fund will receive approximately \$1.16 million (approximately \$166,000 annually over the first seven years) in additional revenue during that period as a result of these reduced debt service costs. The increase in the savings was attributable primarily to the following three factors:

- The low interest rate environment which is currently present in the financial markets. The overall market conditions accounted for approximately \$4.7 million in savings.
- The upgraded rating received from Standard & Poor's. The rating agency upgraded the rating for the agency from A- to AA- due in part to the sound financial practices established by the City and the strong economic development that is occurring in the project area. This rating improvement accounted for approximately \$3.8 million in savings and also allowed the bonds to be issued without additional costs such as bond insurance.
- The strong financial market response to the bonds. These bonds were well received by the market as evidenced by the oversubscription rate of 3.4 times. This means that there was more demand than there were bonds available, which created a level of competition for the bonds. These bonds generated interest in a wide spectrum of bond buyers from large institutional buyers such as hedge funds, retirement funds and broker/dealer firms but they also had a strong response from retail or small investors as well. This strong response resulted in additional savings of approximately \$1 million.

The results of this refinancing project underscore the City's strong reputation in the financial markets.

## Financial Resources Division

The Financial & Management Services Department is pleased to welcome Brian Mohan as the new Financial Resources Division Manager. Brian brings an outstanding amount of experience and his in-depth knowledge of governmental budgeting and accounting makes him a valuable asset to the Financial and Management Services Team.

## Fire Department



During August, numerous large wildfires engulfed areas throughout Central and Northern California. Additionally, Hurricane Harvey hit Texas causing damage to homes and properties. As a result of continued threats to lives and properties, local fire resources were quickly strained and the counties affected requested assistance from all over the State.

CALFIRE/Riverside County Fire Department received numerous requests for resources throughout the Region and State. Fire Department personnel and resources from the City of Moreno Valley were either deployed directly to wildland fire incidents or assigned to move-up and cover affected counties. Firefighters also spent up to two, sleep-deprived, physically demanding weeks working day and night to protect the lives and properties of the citizens of California

Additionally, Fire Captain Shane Frederick who is assigned to Fire Station 2 (Sunnymead) was deployed to Texas to assist with rescue and recovery efforts related to Hurricane Harvey. Captain Frederick is part of California Task Force 6 Urban Search and Rescue, which is one of twenty-eight National Task Forces and one of eight in California that respond as either FEMA or as a California Emergency Management Agency resources during emergencies requiring highly skilled search and rescue personnel. Captain Frederick is a Swift Water Rescue Specialist and was one of 19 CA-Task Force 6 rescuers actively engaged in performing lifesaving missions.

## Office of Emergency Management

On August 3, Emergency Management Program Manager Zuzzette Bricker facilitated an Emergency Operations Center Table Top Exercise. This discussion based exercise involved key personnel to discuss a hypothetical major power outage scenario in an informal setting which allowed participants to assess and validate already established plans, policies, facilities, equipment, and the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) process. The objectives for this tabletop were met and included EOC Management, Communications and Response, and Coordination.



On August 13, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Volunteers from the Emergency Response Force (ERF) were dispatched to support the Blaine Fire due to the order for the immediate evacuation of the citizens and public residing in the Community of Hidden Springs. The Blaine Fire started in Riverside County and quickly spread towards the City of Moreno Valley and the unincorporated areas of Pigeon Pass threatening thousands of homes that lied within the Fires path. The Incident Commanders ordered mandatory evacuations for the residents of Hidden Springs and Pigeon Pass. OEM and ERF Volunteers responded to the evacuation center to support the Incident Commanders, American Red Cross, and affected residents until the evacuation order was lifted and residents were allowed to re-enter their homes. The Fire was contained after burning for 4 days.

## Fire Prevention

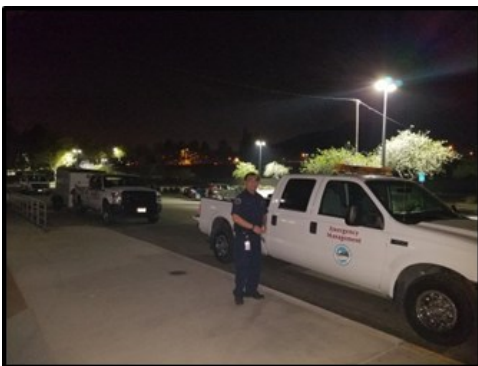
### Moreno Valley College

Fire Marshal Adria Reinertson, and Fire Systems Inspectors Blake Makishima and Mikki Sherry met with representatives from Moreno Valley College to discuss Fire inspections and overall campus Fire and life safety.

### Solaris Paper

Fire Marshal Adria Reinertson met with a representative from Solaris Paper to discuss fire protection requirements specific to their business practices and storage arrangements for a potential manufacturing and distribution site in Moreno Valley. The meeting was productive and achieved appropriate fire protection solutions while maintaining efficiencies for the business.

## Fire Operations



On August 7, Engine 2 and Truck 2 responded to a reported auto versus pedestrian accident in Council District 2. Upon arrival, Firefighters located an elderly male lying in the street and confirmed he had been struck by an automobile. The initial assessment revealed that the patient was not breathing, suffering from major traumatic injuries to include a lower extremity amputation. Initiating Advanced Life Support care to include a tourniquet, the patient was rapidly transported to an area trauma center with Firefighter Paramedics continuing to maintain patient care which included advance airway placement, IV's, medication and bleeding control.

On August 14, Engine 2 and Truck 2 responded to a reported unconscious, unresponsive elderly male in District 3. Firefighter Paramedics found the 66 year old male in cardiac arrest and immediately initiated high quality cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and administered Advanced Life Support (ALS) treatment. The patient was transported to Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS) with Firefighter Paramedics maintaining patient care. During transport, the patient had return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC). ROSC is the resumption of life sustaining cardiac activity. The patient was in stable condition upon transfer of care to the Emergency Department.

On August 17, Engine 6 and Truck 2 were dispatched to a reported traumatic injury in the March Joint Powers Authority. Upon arrival, Firefighter Paramedics from Medic Squad 6 and Engine 6 found a 49 year old male with a partial amputation to the right arm. The victims arm had been crushed between a forklift and trailer. Firefighter Paramedics began immediate Advanced Life Support (ALS) care to include placing a tourniquet above the injury to control bleeding, cardiac monitoring, intravenous (IV) therapy and pain management medications. The patient was rapidly transported to Riverside University Health Systems with Firefighter Paramedics maintaining patient care. Patient care was transferred to the awaiting emergency room staff.

August 18, Engine 6 responded to an allergic reaction in Council District 1. Medic Squad 6 arrived on scene and located a 49 year old male sitting on the sidewalk in front of a gas station. The patient presented with hives, swollen lips and tongue, anxiety, nausea and low blood pressure. Firefighter Paramedics began immediate Advanced Life Support (ALS) care for possible anaphylaxis, to include cardiac monitoring, IV fluids, immediate medication administration and preparation for rapid transport to an area hospital. While enroute to the hospital the patient's condition improved remarkably from the initial life threatening reaction. Patient care was transferred to emergency room staff.

On August 25, Engine 48 responded to a residential structure fire located in Council District 2. Upon arrival, Firefighters reported a well involved garage with extension into the attic and one exposure. A home owner was treated for minor injuries by Fire Department Paramedics and transported by AMR to a local hospital. Through an aggressively coordinated interior and exterior attack, the Fire was controlled in 30 minutes and was confined to building of origin. The home was determined to be uninhabitable and the American Red Cross was requested to provide for assistance of the displaced resident. During the initial incident, a vegetation Fire was ignited in Poorman's Reservoir by embers from the house Fire. That Fire was contained to a large spot by the initial arriving Fire Department resources.

## **Police Department**

### Case of The Month

On August 13, 2017, officers responded to a fire, which was threatening the Hidden Springs residential community. Officers assisted with the evacuation of about 100 homes. The fire affected 1,000 acres, however, no structures were lost.



## Patrol

Patrol officers responded to 15,395 calls for service during the month of August.

On August 16, 2017, officers responded to reports of gunfire in the 15000 block of Pepper Court. Officers detained the suspect who was wearing body armor, a holster, and magazine pouches for an assault rifle. The suspect was found to be under the influence of drugs and believed fictitious persons were shooting at him. Officers located numerous expended shell casings and a high capacity magazine. Officers arrested the suspected for being under the influence of drugs and shooting at a residence. Officers obtained a search warrant of the suspect residence where they seized for evidence 2 assault rifles, 2 hand guns, and several high-capacity magazines.

## Community Services Unit

In August, the Community Services Unit (CSU) participated in 5 Explorer meetings, 1 Reserve meeting, 1 Neighborhood Watch meeting, 1 volunteer meeting, and hosted a Coffee with a Cop meeting in Zone 2.

On August 1<sup>st</sup>, MVPD Officers, MVPD Volunteers & MVPD Explorers participated in National night out. The Moreno Valley Police Department visited 3 block parties in order to promote a community partnership.

National Night Out is an opportunity to generate community support for crime prevention awareness and public safety and supported by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). NATW is a non-profit crime prevention organization dedicated to the development and promotion of crime prevention in communities across the nation. It promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safe and better place to live. Each year, law enforcement and neighborhoods throughout America, host "National Night Out" in their communities through local events, such as block parties, cookouts, parades, youth events, and seminars.

## Volunteers

The Moreno Valley Police Department relies heavily on volunteer forces to assist with providing valued service to the residents of Moreno Valley. During the month of June, volunteers provided over 1,100 hours of service to the Moreno Valley Police Department. Volunteers conducted Citizen Patrols, assisted the Business Office assisted with incident call outs, assisted with city events, and assisted with monitoring the City Wide Camera System.

## Traffic Team

### Office of Traffic And Safety Grant Operations

During the month of August, the MVPD Traffic team conducted several Office of Transportation and Safety (OTS) directed enforcement operations consisting of 1 DUI Saturation Patrols, 1 DUI/DL Checkpoint, 2 "Know Your Limit" DUI Awareness/Educational Operation, 2 Primary Collision factor Enforcement Operations, 1 DUI Warrant Service Operation, 1 Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation, and 1 Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations.

## Traffic Stops/Citations Issued

The MVPD Traffic Team conducted 1,234 vehicle stops, wrote 1,070 hazardous/moving violation citations, 121 non-hazardous violation citations, and 85 parking citations. In addition, the team arrested 18 persons for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs (6 involved a traffic collision), and made 15 misdemeanor arrests, and 6 felony arrests.

## Traffic Collisions

The MVPD Traffic Team responded to 2 fatal collisions, 1 major-injury collision, 47 Minor-injury collisions, 134 Non-injury property damage only collisions, 5 Injury hit and run collisions, 82 Non-injury hit and run collisions, and 1 fatal collision. In addition, the MVPD Traffic Team responded to 39 reckless driver calls, 41 traffic hazard calls, 78 abandoned vehicle calls, and 12 disabled vehicle calls.

## Special Enforcement Team

This multi-focus team consists of the MVPD Gang Team, Narcotic Enforcement Team, Problem Oriented Policing Team, and Burglary and Robbery Suppression Team.

During the month of August, the Special Enforcement Team served 30 search warrants, made 91 felony arrests and 13 misdemeanor arrests.

In February, 2017, the Burglary Suppression Team investigated a burglary where the suspect entered a residence and stole personal property, electronics, and jewelry. The suspect was captured on video surveillance and left his socks inside the residence. The socks were collected and swabbed for DNA, which was submitted to the California Department of Justice for identification. On July 20, 2017, the DNA submitted identified a suspect. On August 2, 2017, the suspect was located and the case was filed with the Riverside County District Attorney.

## Investigation Bureau

During the month of August, the MVPD Investigations Bureau investigated 190 crimes related to a variety of property and person's crimes. The Investigations Bureau also authored and served 10 search warrants, arrested 3 suspects, and filed 3 cases with the District Attorney's Office. In addition, detectives interviewed 72 individuals required to register as sex registrants and conducted 7 business license compliance checks.

# Public Works Department

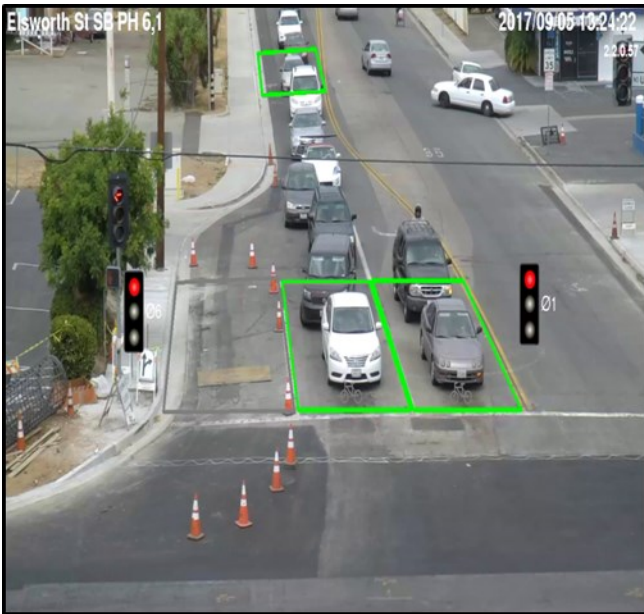
## Capital Projects

### Alessandro Boulevard/Elsworth Street Intersection Improvement

The contractor, O'Duffy Bros Inc., has completed the installation of the new storm drains, catch basins and state-of-the-art traffic detection cameras, removed the steep cross-gutters ("dips"), and built new curb and sidewalk. Remaining work includes removing the median-mounted signal poles, installing new poles, transferring the new cameras to new poles, completing pedestrian ramps, and repaving the intersection.

The new detection cameras benefit the overall traffic management by transmitting live video back to Traffic Management Center in the City Hall from all four cameras at the same time, providing high-definition images that improve monitoring, and allowing repositioning of detection zones during construction lane closures.

The contractor anticipates completing the construction by end of December.



### Heacock Street Improvements from Iris Avenue to Gentian Avenue

Sequel Contractors, Inc. has completed the installation of new asphalt concrete pavement on the west side of Heacock Street from Revere Place to Gentian Avenue. The contractor continues working on the electrical backbone system and street lights installation on the west side of Heacock Street. Construction is anticipated to conclude in October .



## Hubbard Street Storm Drain from Ironwood Avenue to Kalmia Avenue

The City Contractor, O'Duffy Bros Inc., started the construction in September . The project is to install an underground storm drain and catch basins on Hubbard Street which will connect to an existing storm drain system on Ironwood Avenue to mitigate flooding in several areas along Hubbard Street. The project also includes various street improvements necessary to accommodate the new storm drain. The construction is anticipated to be completed in April 2018 (weather permitting).



## Maintenance & Operations

### Free Shred Event Attracts Enthusiastic Residents

Moreno Valley hosted a Free Shred Event on Saturday, August 26. Residents began lining up an hour prior to the event, eager to participate in this paper shredding opportunity. During the four hour event, 174 residents brought 595 boxes and bags of paper to be shredded onsite. As a result of high participation and demand, the City will host another Free Shred Event in January 2018. Actual date to be announced prior to the event. For more information about the Free Shred Event, visit [www.moval.org](http://www.moval.org) or contact the Recycling Program at 951.413.3109.



## Special Districts

### City Looks for Partners to Beautify Community

Close to 4,000 surveys were mailed to Moreno Valley stakeholders looking for partners to beautify our community. The beautification program includes installing new drought tolerant landscaping or increasing the landscape maintenance service levels surrounding residential neighborhoods. With enough interest, the City can partner with these residents to beautify our neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life. Seventeen neighborhoods received the surveys at the end of August. Neighborhoods who did not receive a survey but are interested in the programs, can contact the Special Districts Division at 951.413.3480.

# Parks & Community Services Department

## Community Events

- Approximately 1,000 residents attended the annual **YouthFest** held at Moreno Valley Community Park on September 9<sup>th</sup>. YouthFest promotes awareness to youth organizations including sports programs, child care, educational resources, CPR training, and much more. Participants enjoyed games, bouncers, face painting, emergency vehicle displays, and performances by the City's contract class instructors and other community organizations showcasing dancing and fitness classes.



- The Parks and Community Services Department, in coordination with Inland Empire Biking Alliance, is hosting the 4th annual **Ride MoVal Bike Ride** on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The event will begin at the Conference and Recreation Center. This community ride offers up exciting challenges for riders of all ages from a casual family ride to a fierce metric century ride.

### Special Event Permits

- On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the **African American Coalition** held its annual family reunion at TownGate Memorial Park with approximately 200 people in attendance. This event included food, music, line dancing, and information booths from Riverside County Sheriff's Department and Moreno Valley Unified School District.
- Staff processed a special event for the **Veterans of Foreign War Veteran Suicide Awareness Walk** on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Services

### Recreation Programs

- In the month of September the **Time for Tot** program celebrated "Share Day" and "Apple Day." The students were given the chance to bring their favorite toy/item from home and share it with the other tots. They also had the opportunity to make caramelized apples on Apple Day.

- This school year the Time for Tots program will be held at six sites including the Conference and Recreation Center (morning and afternoon sessions), March Field Park Community Center (morning and afternoon sessions), March Field Park Annex (morning sessions), and TownGate (morning sessions). Having additional sites allows the expansion of the program and provides a valuable resource for the community.



- Every season the Parks and Community Services Department receives many requests from interested instructors to offer **contract classes** to the community. Some of the new contract classes this past month include:
  - *Pop Pilates*, which is a mat-based Pilates movement to top 40 pop hits.
  - *Core Fitness*, which is designed to build lean muscles, burn fat and tone the core.

## Sports Programs

- The **Pee Wee/Junior Basketball League** is underway with 160 participants. This non-competitive program teaches participants the fundamentals of basketball, emphasizing sportsmanship, and fun! With the help of the experienced staff, children between the ages of 3 and 7 learn a new sport.
- The **Multi-Sport Clinic** begins in October. Participants will explore three different sports, one each week. The goal is to provide a sample of how the pee wee/junior sports programs are run. Open to ages 3 to 7, participants will be introduced to soccer, t-ball, and basketball.
- The summer season of the **Adult Softball League** is almost at an end. More than 190 participants made up the coed and men's divisions this season.
- Registration for the **Adult Kickball League** is now open. The league is scheduled to begin in October. Staff is working to spread the word and gain interest. Registration is open to coed teams.
- The **Winter Youth Basketball League** sign-ups have begun. Skills Day will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 a.m. More than 200 participants will be tested to make up teams for three separate divisions. Game play will begin the week of January 5<sup>th</sup>. This program is geared towards learning basic skills, exercise, and a lot of fun.
- **Open play sports** are offered nightly at various locations for community members and athletes of any age and skill level. The open play sports allow community members to stay active by participating in recreational activities at their leisure. Last month, there were more than 1,500 combined, basketball, volleyball, arena soccer, golf, and skate participants.
- The Moreno Valley Golf Club challenged City staff to a golf tournament at the Cottonwood Golf Center on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The City's team consisted of 16 of its finest golfers.

## Senior Community Center



- Assemblyman Jose Medina hosted a **pancake breakfast** for approximately 80 seniors on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. He spoke to the seniors and made himself available to the seniors to answer questions or address concerns. Mayor Yxstian A. Gutierrez and Councilmember Ulises Cabrera were also in attendance.
- Radio Pioneer Johnny Dollar presented a week-long **radio pioneer class** to the seniors the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dollar had a radio broadcast from 1949 until 1962. Over 50 seniors ate their lunches and heard about how Johnny Dollar investigates crimes.
- **Casino Night** was held on August 11<sup>th</sup> with approximately 60 seniors attending. The group Calor Musical donated two hours to play live music during the event. There were several sponsors including Jar, Medicare Information Center, Dr. Rios, IC Smiles, Apel Structures, and Medi-Opinion.

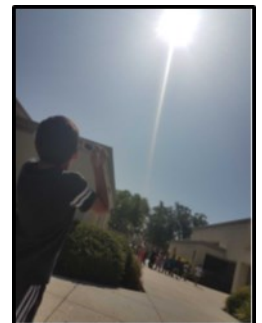


- The annual **Hawaiian Luau** was held on August 17<sup>th</sup> with approximately 75 seniors attending. The seniors enjoyed finger foods and Hawaiian-style music while they danced and did the limbo. There was a watermelon-eating contest in which the seniors ate a slice of watermelon with no hands, and Humana had opportunity drawings.

### Grant Programs

#### THINK Together

- The City of Moreno Valley, in partnership with Moreno Valley Unified School District, Val Verde Unified School District, and THINK Together, expanded learning programs throughout the THINK program. For example, students at Ridge Crest Elementary put their engineering skills to practice during their science club. After learning about the importance of building structures and their foundations, students worked as a team to design, construct, and test catapults.
- Students at Seneca Elementary had the opportunity to participate in real-life science by observing the solar eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup>. With the support of the teachers, students were able to use a set of specialized “solar” glasses to view the eclipse. Students enjoyed viewing an episode of Bill Nye-The Science Guy as he explained the science behind solar eclipses.
- Students at Landmark Middle School had the opportunity to join a variety of clubs and sports as an extension of their learning in the after school program. Through their Art and Enrichment component, students enjoyed finding the artist within them. Students learned new artistic techniques and the use of different mediums, participated in team building activities, and developed their sportsmanship skills through sports.



- In an effort to help students believe that they can achieve higher education, students at Vista Verde Middle School have actively designed their program around colleges. They are quickly hitting the ground running by decorating their classrooms in college paraphernalia from schools such as UCLA, UC Berkeley, and USC. Students are immersing themselves in enrichment lessons that develop their critical thinking to get them to college and career readiness .



- “A Child’s Place” would like to thank National Tube Supply Company in Moreno Valley for donating four boxes of school supplies to the child care centers. Because of their generous donations, the children kicked off the 2017-2018 school year with a back-to-school shopping experience. Children were able to get much-needed school supplies ranging from composition books to calculators and much more.

## Parks Maintenance

Park Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Added wooden fibar to Pedrorena Park
- Weed abated Equestrian Center and Trailer property
- Weed abated March Field Park
- Irrigation repairs at all parks
- Fertilized sports fields at Morrison, Sunnymead, Shadow Mountain and TownGate Parks
- Upgraded CalSense controllers at Vista Lomas Park
- Remove four trees at Cottonwood Golf Center

The following projects are in progress:

- Add wooden fibar to Adrienne Mitchell Memorial and Community Park (*ongoing*)
- Fertilize sports fields (south, JFK Park, Woodland Park, and March 1 and 2)
- Level infields at various baseball fields (*ongoing*)
- Paint snack bar building at Morrison Park (*ongoing*)
- Install new shade screen on bleachers at Sunnymead Park (*ongoing*)
- Repair areas of artificial turf on playgrounds at Celebration and Vista Lomas Parks
- Rip and level baseball infields at Morrison Park (*ongoing*)



- Trim infield arcs and warning tracks at Sunnymead Park baseball fields
- Weed abate Poorman's Reservoir
- Patch turf in playground at TownGate Park II
- Relocate valves along school fence at Westbluff Park
- Trim all hedges and shrubs Celebration, Lasselle, Pedrorena east and west, and Valley Skate Park
- Repair/replace caulking and winterize the water feature at Celebration Park
- Repair playground surfaces at Parque Amastad, Vista Lomas and Celebration Parks
- Install tires at Vista Lomas Park teeter totter
- Airfy greens and sand Cottonwood Golf Center golf course.
- Overseed fairways, repair and replace caps, replace four ball washers, and installed tee markers and seven signs at Cottonwood Golf Center.

### Vandalism and Graffiti

Parks Maintenance staff spent 58 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 15 sites.

### Park Ranger Statistics

Park Rangers patrolled 1,283 areas, had 10,911 public contacts, and issued 106 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking and alcohol.

### Court Referral Workers

Court referrals worked 1,216 (152 work days).

## Conference and Recreation Center Rentals

In addition to church services and various meetings in August, the following notable rentals were held at the **Conference and Recreation Center**.

- **Riverside County Education Academy** hosted its graduation with more than 500 in attendance.
- **Moreno Valley Unified School District** provided a Health and Resource Fair with more than 1000 in attendance throughout the day. There were 50 resources tables for parents and students that provided flu shots, backpacks, haircuts, and clothing.
- The City of Moreno Valley presented the **State of the City Luncheon** to a full house of 328 guests. Mayor Gutierrez provided the keynote speech highlighting the City's achievements and its economic future.
- **Riverside University Health Systems** held a CCS Durable Medical Equipment Fair for health care providers showcasing the latest in wheel chairs and handicapped accessories. They were 23 vendors on site to provide resources.