

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Administration

Website Conversion Progress

If you haven't seen the new look of the City's website, please take a look at www.moval.org. A phased-in approach is being used so that as pages are converted, the public can view them quickly. Many thanks go out to the departments and divisions that have worked so hard to submit updates! Coordinating with our webmaster, we have launched the homepage, City Council and City Manager's Office pages. The webmaster is working on pages for the City Clerk and Community & Economic Development departments next.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Human Resources Division

MotiVate Wellness: The City's employee wellness program remains extremely active, with the following activities taking place:

- Employees were provided a complimentary Lunch and Learn Wellness Seminar Attendees enjoyed a healthy lunch while learning about important steps to help prevent Heart Disease, Stroke, and Cancer.
- An Early Detection Health Screening Event was held at City Hall on March 18th, featuring a pricing formula uniquely designed by and for City of Moreno Valley employees. The program offered four tiers of screening packages, with prices starting at \$90. Services were provided by Longevity.
- An information session was held in conjunction with the University of Redlands, to provide City employees with detailed information on program offerings now available to them at discounted prices via our Agreement with U of R.

Talent Management: Robust recruitments are underway for several positions in the City workforce. Recruiting and/or selection processes are focused on the following openings:

- Animal Care Technician (FTC, 138 applicants to date). Applications under review.
- Office of Emergency Services Program Manager (PAM, 33 applicants). Applications under review.

- Sr. Payroll Technician (FTC, 94 applicants). Interviews are underway.
- Recreation Aide for Sports and Senior Center programs (PT/Temp, 176 applicants). Applications under review.
- Recreation Program Leader (PTC, 173 applicants). Interview phase now underway.
- Code Compliance Officer I (FTC, 149 applicants). Interview phase is concluding.
- Budget Officer (PAM, 84 applicants). Applications under review.
- Financial Operations Division Manager (DMG, 47 applicants). Applications under review.
- Child Care Instructor I (PT/Temp, 121 applicants). Interviews conducted; candidate undergoing background.
- Fire Safety Specialist (FTC, 64 applicants). Applications under review.
- Management Analyst - CEDD/Land Development (FTC, 161 applicants). Reopened recruitment, applications under review.
- Sr. Electrical Engineer (PAM). Vendor recruitment in progress. Interviews conducted; candidate undergoing background.

Purchasing & Facilities Division

The Annex 1 building is complete and the permanent home for Technology Services, Moreno Valley Utilities, Special Districts and the Facilities Maintenance divisions.

As part of the City Hall 2nd Level Floor Replacement Project, Finance, Payroll, Treasury, Public Works Administration, Transportation, Capital Projects and Administrative Services have temporarily relocated into the leased Annex 4 facility.

To complete the final phase of the relocation effort, Facilities moved the City Manager, City Clerk, and City Council offices to 1st floor of City Hall. The City Hall 2nd Level Floor Replacement Project will proceed in early April with a completion date by the end of June.

Animal Services Division

The Moreno Valley Animal Shelter joined forces with the Parks and Community Services Department to hold a "Pet in the Park" pet adoption event at Sunnymead Park on Saturday, March 23rd.



We're delighted to announce that 51 homeless companion animals found life-long loving homes through this special event.

The event featured discounted adoption rates; dogs and puppies were available for \$50, with a \$25 fee for cats and kittens. These adoption prices included spay or neuter surgery, 5 in 1, bordetella and rabies vaccinations, along with a HomeAgain microchip. In addition, all dogs and cats adopted received a new collar and ID tag made available by a grant from the ASPCA.

Library Services Division

In-n-Out Burger Reading Program at the Library

More than 270 eager readers have already signed up for In-n-Out Burger's "Cover to Cover" reading program, which runs through April 13 at Moreno Valley Public Library. Children ages 4-12 who read five books checked out on their own library card can earn a certificate for a free hamburger, cheeseburger or cheese sandwich. This award can be earned up to three times during the program period. We thank In-n-Out Burger for providing these reading incentives to the children in our community.

Dr. Seuss Read-a-Thon

Local civic group "Brothers and Sisters of Hope" organized a special story time held on Saturday, March 2, at the Moreno Valley Public Library, in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and the "Read Across America" campaign. In conjunction with a grant to the group from Kohl's, staff from the store conducted the story time, which more than 45 people attended.

New Video Games

Through the generosity of the Moreno Valley Friends of the Library, the library has recently been able to add two dozen video games for PS3, Wii, and Xbox360 platforms to our collection. These popular games can be requested and checked out with your library card.

Women's History Month and National Poetry Month

March is Women's History Month. Come in to the library and check out materials from the special display near the circulation desk. Look for the display for National Poetry Month in April.

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. "Like" us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Moreno-Valley-Public->

Library/185672448113861 and "follow" us on Twitter: @MoValLibrary.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Administration

Meeting on WLC

On Saturday March 9, a meeting portrayed as 'Truth and Consequences' was held at Valley View High School to discuss the World Logistics Center (WLC) project. About 100 people (both opponents and supporters of the WLC) attended the meeting, which included speakers from the following organizations--1) the Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice, 2) National Resource Defense Council, 3) Friends of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and 4) the local Moreno Valley-Sierra Club. Attendees were not afforded an opportunity to speak, but some of the submitted written questions from people in attendance were answered by the speakers. Overall, the event focused on negative aspects of the proposed project and the development of more logistics and distribution in Moreno Valley. A number of inaccuracies and mis-statements were presented by the speakers. City staff will work on a video and schedule another community meeting to explain many of the improper statements presented by this group.

Ralph's Store to Close

Ralph's-Kroger Co. has announced that it will close the Ralph's grocery store in Sunnymead Ranch on May 17. This location has been losing money for many years. In fact Ralph's moved to close the store in 1998, but backed off when a petition by shoppers and residents kept the store open. This time Ralph's wouldn't consider any way to keep the store open. Ralph's lease is set to expire on July 1 2013 and the owner of the Lakeshore Village Marketplace had offered a rent reduction to extend the lease and keep the Ralph's store open. However, with the store losing more than \$ 1 million a year-Kroger made the decision to close the Ralph's store now. Sorry, but the decision by Ralph's-Kroger is not negotiable.

Kroger Co. is happy with the sales performance of its two Food for Less locations in Moreno Valley and will actually look for new development opportunities for Food for Less in Moreno Valley in the future. Kroger has no plans for the development of any new Ralph's stores in the Inland Region.

City staff will continue to market the closed Albertson's location at Ironwood and Pigeon Pass, along with the soon to be vacant Ralph's store.

Industrial Vacancy 1st Qt. 2013

The Industrial Vacancy rate in Moreno Valley for 1st Qt. 2013 is 6.7%. The only large scale building presently available in Moreno Valley is the recently completed 769,320 S.F. building developed by IDS Real Estate Group in South Moreno Valley. The next biggest buildings are small industrial flex spaces—13,903 S.F. and 13,758 S.F. situated on Veterans Way. Below is a summary of the 1st Qt. Industrial Vacancy Report.

MORENO VALLEY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING OCCUPANCY 1st QUARTER -2013

Centerpointe-Ridge

- Occupied 2,064,026 S.F.
- Vacant 0
- Total 2,064,026 S.F.
- Available 0%

Centerpointe-Other

- Occupied 1,325,726 S.F.
- Vacant 27,661 S.F.
- Total 1,353,387 S.F.
- Available 2.0%

South Moreno Valley Industrial Area

- Occupied 5,965,468 S.F.
- Vacant 769,320 S.F.
- Total 6,734,788 S.F.
- Available 11.4%

East Moreno Valley-Rancho Belago

- Occupied 1,820,000 S.F.
- Vacant 0
- Total 1,820,000 S.F.
- Available 0

Total Moreno Valley Industrial Building

- Occupied 11,175,220 S.F.
- Vacant 796,981 S.F.
- Total 11,972,201 S.F.
- Available 6.7%

CEQA Reform

California Senate leader-Darrel Steinberg has introduced a bill (SB 371) aimed at strengthening CEQA's (California Environmental Quality Act) protection of the environment, while modernizing the law to help with California's economy. Overall, the CEQA process has largely been unchanged since CEQA was adopted in 1970. SB 371 move towards CEQA litigation reform measures, but falls short of addressing CEQA challenges

aimed solely at slowing down projects and pursuing economic gains rather than environmental mitigation measures. City staff will continue to monitor the progress of SB371.

Economic Development Summary-March 2013

The Economic Development Summary has been updated for March 2013 and is now available on the City's website. For your convenience, the updated ED Summary for March 2013 is attached to this City Manager's Report.

Economic Development Subcommittee

The Economic Development Subcommittee met on Thursday March 14 and the agenda included the following actions:

- Recommend approval of the new 3-year Economic Development Action Plan.
- Supported the expansion of the City's Ombudsman program, including renaming it the Concierge program.
- Renewal of the City's Business Visitation program, including having the Mayor participate in meetings with the Top 50 Employers annually.
- Have one other ED Subcommittee member join the Mayor and City staff with attending the quarterly Business Roundtable events.

The next Economic Development Subcommittee meeting will be on April 11.

Building & Safety Division

Quick Statistics

The following statistics provided are for the Building & Safety Division for the months of February 2012 and February 2013.

	Feb. 2012	Feb 2013
Customer Counter VIsist – Ttl/Dly Avg.	521/29	552/35
Building Permits Issued	125	149
Construction Valuation	\$821,972	N/A
Construction Inspections Performed	565	715
Issued Certificates of Occupancy	21	N/A
Plan Check Activity	122	168
Monthly Revenue	\$112,077	\$73,696

Graham Square

Construction continues to move quickly on the new center called Graham Square, being built on the NE corner of Alessandro and Graham-next to the U.S. Post Office. Committed tenants at this small center include:

- 7-11 store
- The UPS Store
- The Flame Broiler

- Wash Bank-Express Car Wash
- Access Cash

Business Support & Neighborhood Programs

FY 2013/14 CDBG/HOME Budget

The development of the FY 2013-14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Partnership (HOME) program year budget and action plan is underway. CDBG and HOME funds are received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban (HUD) and must be used for programs and projects benefiting low and moderate-income residents or neighborhoods. In the past, the City has used CDBG funds to pay for various social service programs, street and infrastructure improvements, and economic development activities. HOME funds must be used to create, retain or rehabilitate affordable housing. In FY 2012/13 the City received \$1,858,467 in CDBG funds and \$468,974 in HOME funds.

On March 4, 2013, staff was notified by the U.S. Department of HUD that the CDBG and HOME funding allocations will likely be reduced by 10% as a result of the federal sequestration that was imposed March 1, 2013. Sequestration is a term used to describe the practice of using mandatory spending cuts in the federal budget if the cost of running the government exceeds either an arbitrary amount or the gross revenue it brings during the fiscal year. Simply put, sequestration is the use of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts in the face of annual budget deficits. While there is no established Federal Budget for CDBG and HOME, HUD staff recommended that the local governments anticipate receiving 10% less in CDBG and HOME funds as compared to the FY 2012/13 allocations.

On March 26, 2013, the City Council will consider funding recommendations for the next program year. Projects approved at that meeting will be incorporated into the Draft Annual Action Plan, which will be considered by the City Council at its meeting on April 23, 2013 for approval prior to submission to HUD.

Successor Agency & Oversight Board Update

On February 26 and 27, 2013 the Successor Agency and the Oversight Board approved the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS) that included all payment obligations necessary to fulfill the former RDA's legally binding and enforceable obligations for the period of July 2013 through December 2013. The ROPS was submitted to the Department of Finance (DOF) on March 1, 2013 as required by law.

On March 14, the Successor Agency received a letter from the DOF rescinding a prior demand for the

Successor Agency to return approximately \$3.6 million of Low-Mod Income Housing Funds (LMIHF) that had been placed into an escrow account for the completion of the Rancho Dorado South Affordable Housing Project. As a result of staff efforts, the DOF has determined that available LMIHF's were used for legally enforceable obligations, and, as a result, the Agency is not required to return any funds. Staff will continue to work with the DOF to obtain a Finding of Completion which will provide certainty to the Successor Agency and Oversight Board that all issues related to winding down the affairs of the former RDA have been resolved. Many thanks to Rick Teichert, Suzanne Bryant, Barry Foster, Dante Hall and Anochar Clark for their hard work in convincing DOF that Low-Mod Home funds were properly disbursed.

NSP 1 Update

The City met its deadline to expend 100% of the \$11,360,116 NSP1 grant by March 5, 2013. During the tenure of the program, 43 single-family properties were acquired as bank-owned, foreclosures. The City, in conjunction with the Development Partners, rehabilitated and resold approximately 39 of the homes to income-eligible households of which 8 received down payment assistance. The remaining 4 properties are currently in escrow; they are expected to close during the next 30 days. Through the program, the City has generated approximately \$3.6 million in Program Income. Even though the NSP1 Program is approaching closeout, the City will be permitted to use Program Income to continue the NSP1 Program until funds are completely used.

In addition to the 43 single-family properties acquired through the NSP1 Program, a 13-unit and a 14-unit apartment complex located at 24410 and 24420 Myers Avenue has been acquired and rehabilitation is nearing completion. By the end of March 2013, the units will be rented to households earning up to 50% of Area Median Income.

NSP 3 Update

As a grantee under the NSP 3 Program, the City of Moreno Valley was to expend 50% of its awarded funds within two years from the date the funds became available for obligation. If 50% of the total NSP award had not been expended by the March 9, 2013 deadline, HUD may issue a finding of non-compliance and the unspent portion of 50% of the funds awarded are subject to being returned to HUD.

Over the past two years the City of Moreno Valley's real estate market has experienced significant changes. At the inception of the NSP Program, Moreno Valley had

over 1,000 properties reported as REOs. During the past 24 months foreclosures have decreased, the number of NSP eligible units has become significantly lower. Due to these factors it became clear that the City would not be able to expend 50% of the funds by the deadline. So, on February 5, 2013, staff met with representatives of HUD to discuss an expenditure work plan that will allow the City to retain its full NSP 3 allocation beyond the March 9, 2013 deadline. The expenditure work plan included a re-established relationship to purchase properties through the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST), and the development of an 8 dwelling unit affordable housing project with the Moreno Valley Housing Authority.

Since the expenditure plan has been in place for six weeks, the City has purchased many properties for rehabilitation and resale through the NCST totaling \$583,386 in expenditures. Staff continues to work on more acquisitions and three properties are currently in escrow and four others are being evaluated for purchases that could potentially occur in the next 60 days. If all properties are purchased as planned, the total NSP 3 obligation will total \$1,350,720, which is over 90% of the expenditure requirement. Staff will continue to work with HUD on implementing the NSP3 work plan and spending of the funding allocation.

Home Resale Market-February 2013

The average home resale values in Moreno Valley continue to increase in 2013. In February 2013 the average home resale value was \$185,000, which was a 1% increase from the value of \$183,000 reported for the month of January 2013. Other nearby communities such as Riverside, Perris, Temecula/Murrieta and Hemet/San Jacinto also saw property values increase in February by approximately 4.4%. The City of Corona saw their property values decrease by approximately .8%.

The number of housing resale activities in the City during this reporting period increased by 14.7% - going from 156 transactions in January to 179 in February 2013. There have been a total of 335 transactions for the year thus far.

Business & City Connecting

The next Business & City Connecting event will be Wednesday March 27 at 11:30 am at the Chili's at Stoneridge Towne Centre.

Code & Neighborhood Services Division

Quick Statistics

The following statistics provided are for the Code & Neighborhood Services Division for the months of February 2012 and February 2013.

	Dec 2011	Dec 2012
Cases Initiated	281	345
Closed Case Investigations	246	265
Parking Citations Issued	2,053	2,092
Administrative Citations Issued	120	163
Counter Customers	271	278

Code Remedies

The City Council discussed ways to better code compliance in Moreno Valley by using a combination of criminal prosecution and civil penalties & assessments. Currently, Moreno Valley uses administrative citations and then criminal prosecution for non-compliance. The City Council directed staff to formulate a draft Administrative Civil Penalties (ACP) program for Moreno Valley to be considered at a future City Council meeting. ACP programs being used in Riverside and Ontario are being used as guides in crafting an ACP program for Moreno Valley.

Squatter Task Force

The Squatters Strike Force continues to meet on a regular basis in formulating a squatter prevention program for Moreno Valley. On March 26, staff will present a packet that has been developed for Abandoned & Distressed Property in Moreno Valley that can help with owners of foreclosed and vacant properties in Moreno Valley. The draft packet includes 1) a registration form, 2) public notice to be placed on vacant properties, 3) request for suspension of utility service, and 4) a sample for a private person arrest form to be used in the case of squatters or trespassers. Once the packet has been finalized staff will move forward with scheduling public information meetings with local Home Owner Associations, lenders and realtor groups.

Land Development Division

Quick Statistics

The following statistics provided are the Land Development Division for the months of February 2012 and February 2013.

	Feb 2012	Feb 2013
Plan Checks Processed	32	14
Grading Permits Issued	3	3
Number of Inspections	476	215
Counter Customer Visit	118	111

Planning Division

Quick Statistics

The following statistics provided are for the Planning Division for the months of February 2012 and February 2013:

	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012	Total_YTD	Change
Counter customers	317	349	335	616	(10%)
Major Case submittals	7	2	6	9	+0%
Minor Case submittals	63	70	77	133	(4%)
Plan Check submittals	35	41	35	76	+4%
Application Fees	\$89,740	\$63,942	\$106,969	\$153,682	+17%

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meeting of March 14, 2013 included the following:

- A General Plan Amendment and Change of Zone to: 1) establish R-30 zoning (Residential – Up to 30 Units Per Acre) on various parcels along Alessandro Boulevard and near Perris Boulevard and Iris Avenue; 2) change the zone from R5 (Residential – Up to 5 Units Per Acre) to CC (Community Commercial) for a site at the northwest corner of Perris Boulevard and Santiago Avenue; and 3) establish Mixed Use Overlay zoning on various parcels along Alessandro Boulevard. A related Municipal Code Amendment would establish the development standards for the Mixed Use Overlay zones, which would be an option for the affected property owners – they could either develop under the existing zoning or the Mixed Use zoning. The R30 zoning implements the City’s State-certified General Plan Housing Element and is required to stay in compliance with State Law. The Mixed Use Overlay zoning implements the Alessandro Corridor Study, prepared with a grant from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and intended to enhance Alessandro Boulevard as a high quality transit corridor from the Riverside County Regional Medical Center to the planned March/Moreno Valley MetroLink station. The Planning Commission recommended approval of items, but final review and action will require City Council consideration, which is scheduled for the April 23 City Council meeting.

Administrative Approvals

The following are recent Administrative Approvals:

- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 15115 Indian Street. The applicant is T-Mobile West.
- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 10271

Heacock Street. The applicant is Sprint PCS.

- Amended Conditional Use Permit to replace and upgrade equipment at an existing telecommunications facility located at 24891 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is T-Mobile West.
- Plot Plan to establish a wellness center in an existing commercial center located at 24757 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is German Hercules.
- Plot Plan to establish a church in an existing commercial center located at 22612 Alessandro Boulevard. The applicant is Kingdom Worship Center.

Recent Case Submittals

The following are recent Planning Case Submittals:

- Plot Plan to establish an internet café/arcade in an existing shopping center located at 24775 Alessandro Boulevard.
- Model Home Complex for a 63-lot tract (DR Horton) at the southeast corner of Morrison Street and Bay Avenue.
- Plot Plan to establish a wellness center in an existing shopping center located at 12125 Day Street (Canyon Springs Plaza).
- Pre-application for a 114 unit apartment complex at the southwest corner of Cactus Avenue and Perris Boulevard.
- Pre-application for a residential development (single family and condominium) at the northeast corner of Cactus Avenue and Redlands Boulevard.

World Logistics Center

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the World Logistics Center was released on Monday February 4, 2013. Diskettes of the DEIR were sent out to over 100 review agencies and interested parties. In addition, over 1,300 notices were sent to property owners in and adjacent to the proposed project. Due to the scale of the project, the property owner notice was sent to all owners in adjacent tracts, well beyond the State required minimum 300 foot radius. The DEIR and all Technical Appendices have been placed on the City’s website for greater public access. Hard copies of the DEIR are available for review at City Hall and the Library.

Comments on the DEIR are due on or before April 8, 2013. This due date provides for a 60 day public review period for the DEIR, which is in excess of the 45 day review period required by State Law. The EIR consultant will review any comments received during that period and provide written responses for final

review by City staff and the City’s EIR peer consultant. The draft DEIR and response to comments will constitute the Final EIR (FEIR). The FEIR will accompany the Specific Plan for the World Logistics Center for formal review by the Planning Commission and City Council.

To date, staff has received three comment letters from local residents and two comment letters from public agencies.

The World Logistics Center is a Specific Plan for up to 41.6 million square feet of high cube logistics warehouse space. High cube warehouses are large, high ceiling buildings built to accommodate modern, high efficiency logistics operations. The proposed Specific Plan includes nearly all of the property encompassed by SR60, Redlands Boulevard, Gilman Springs Road and the southerly City limits. In addition to the Specific Plan, the project includes a General Plan Amendment, a Zone Change, an Annexation for an 85-acre parcel at Alessandro Boulevard and Gilman Springs Road, a Development Agreement, a Tentative Parcel Map for financial purposes and an Environmental Impact Report.

SR 60 East Corridor Area Overlay Plan

On February 5, 2013, staff sent out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to prepare an Overlay Plan for the SR 60 East Corridor Area to eighteen planning and economic analysis consultants. One proposal has been submitted. The proposal is under review by staff to provide a recommendation to the City Manager on the selection of a consultant. Once a contract for the consultant is approved, the first milestone will be a Study Session discussion with the City Council and Planning Commission.

On January 8, the City Council approved a budget appropriation to fund a consultant contract for the preparation of a SR 60 East Corridor Overlay Study (the “Study”). To allow for completion of the Overlay Study the City Council adopted moratorium ordinance for planning approvals for specified properties adjacent to State Highway 60 in the eastern portion of the City. The interim ordinance expires on March 8, 2013.

Foreclosures and Homes Listed for Sale

Information available from the RealtyTrac website for February shows an increase in foreclosure activity in the City. Most of the cities in the western portion of Riverside County also had an increase in foreclosure activity. The website reported one in 335 housing units in Moreno Valley were in some stage of foreclosure, or 0.30% of all the mortgages in the City. This compares to a rate of one in 382 units in the prior month and one in

124 in the prior year month in 2012. Foreclosure activity was 14% higher in February than the prior month of January, but 67% lower than the same month last year in February 2012.

The Moreno Valley foreclosure rate is similar to Murrieta, Menifee and Lake Elsinore. Winchester had the highest rate locally at 1 in 243.

By zip code, area 92555 had the highest foreclosure rate in Moreno Valley (1 in 249) and area 92557 had the lowest rates (1 in 403). Foreclosure activity decreased in zip code areas 92551 and 92553 and increased in zip code areas 92555 and 92557.

Moreno Valley had 162 homes reported in some stage of foreclosure in February, compared with 142 homes in the prior month. The City of Riverside had the highest number of reported foreclosure properties at 225 and Corona was third with 147.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Change	Feb 2012	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	335	382	+14%	124	(67%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	479	462	(4%)	168	(65%)

Information available from the Realtor.com website indicates a continuing decrease in the number of homes for sale in the City, but also an improvement in median asking prices. As of March 1, 2013, 286 homes were listed for sale, compared with 359 at the start of the prior month, and 875 in the same month last year.

January 2010 marked the prior low point for inventory in recent years when 806 homes were listed for sale. Inventory fell sharply in 2009 from a high of 2,068 in January 2009, and increased throughout 2010 and early 2011 to a peak of 1,230 in March 2011 before steadily declining since that time.

The current inventory of homes for sale is less than a three month supply. Anything less than a six month supply of homes for sale is considered a limited supply. At less than half of a normal inventory, the current situation indicates a shortage of homes for sale.

The median asking price for February 2013 was \$180,000, compared with \$170,000 in the prior month of January 2013 and \$155,000 in the same month last year – February 2012.

The trends are shown in the chart below.

	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Change	Mar 2012	Change
Foreclosure Rate/City	286	359	(20%)	875	(67%)
Foreclosure Rate/County	\$180k	\$170k	+6%	\$155k	+16%

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Captain David Rodriguez Recognized as Moreno Valley's Firefighter of the Year

Moreno Valley's City Council, City staff, and Fire Chief Abdul Ahmad recognized Fire Captain David Rodriguez as Firefighter of the Year for the City of Moreno Valley at the March 11 City Council Meeting.

Fire Captain Rodriguez began his career in 1998 at Riverside County Fire Station 13 in Home Gardens, where he worked for two years as a Volunteer Firefighter. During this time, he attended classes at Santa Ana College, where he completed the California State Fire Academy.

In 2000, Captain Rodriguez was hired as a seasonal Firefighter, and over the course of the next two years worked as a Firefighter I at Hemet Ryan Air Attack Base, Riverside County Fire Station 54 in Homeland, and Riverside County Fire Station 11 in Lake Elsinore. In 2002, Captain Rodriguez was promoted to a permanent Firefighter II at CAL FIRE / Riverside County Fire Department's Headquarters Station in the City of Perris, Station 1. Captain Rodriguez was assigned in the City of Perris for the next seven years, during which time he promoted to Fire Apparatus Engineer in 2005.

In October of 2009, David Rodriguez was promoted to the position of Fire Captain in City of Moreno Valley. Captain Rodriguez worked as a relief Captain in the City until May 2010, when he was assigned to Towngate Fire Station 6.

Captain Rodriguez has a passion for training new firefighters and teaches on CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire Department's Advanced Firefighter Cadre. He is a coordinator for the Reserve Firefighter program within the Moreno Valley Division. He is also the coordinator for Moreno Valley Fire Department's annual Muscular Dystrophy Association "Fill the Boot" event. Additionally, Captain Rodriguez assists in training new Fire Captains assigned to the Moreno Valley Battalion who have never worked in the Riverside Unit.

Captain Rodriguez was chosen due to his exceptional command and control on emergency incidents as well as his involvement in numerous special assignments.

Captain Rodriguez is recognized as a leader amongst his peers and shows his dedication to this Fire Department on a daily basis. His participation as the coordinator for the Moreno Valley Reserve Firefighter program as well as his teaching skills during the Advanced Firefighter Cadre courses are just two of the many special assignments he has undertaken and excelled at over the last year.

Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Bureau completed the hazard reduction project on Sunnymead Boulevard next to Chuck E. Cheese. Fire Prevention Staff worked with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife to obtain a Streambed Alteration Permit due to the presence of a Blue Line Stream and a riparian vegetation habitat that is protected by environmental regulations. The abatement occurred over a six day period and was monitored onsite by Fire Inspector Paul Villalobos. The Fire Department hopes to work with the parcel owner over the next six months so that they can self-manage the maintenance of this parcel in the future.



Fire Marshal Randy Metz and Fire Inspector Frank Martinez attended the California Fire Prevention Institute, in Buellton, CA. This week long conference is the state's annual training conference for fire inspectors, plans examiners, and fire marshals. Classes were focused on providing updates to codes related to fire alarms, fire sprinklers, hazardous materials, elevators, etc. as well as providing training on the changes to the 2013 International Building & Fire Codes. There were also several specialty seminars presented on topics such as marijuana dispensaries and their fire hazards associated. This has become a growing problem in the Inland Empire and knowing the hazards they present will better prepare Moreno Valley in protecting the public against such risks.

Office of Emergency Management

Executive Assistant Robin Wetmore attended the course titled "Disaster Recovery" through the California Specialized Training Institute in San Louis Obispo, CA. This week long course was focused on the physical, economic and social disaster recovery process and will assist the city in filing necessary documentation with the state when a disaster strikes.

Emergency Management Program Specialist Bobbie Duval attended the state CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) conference in Cerritos, CA which was

held March 1-3. This three day weekend conference was focused on providing training and updates to the cities that have organized CERT teams in their community. Moreno Valley has over 1,000 members trained in CERT and will be offering a new CERT class in April. If you are interested in becoming a member of CERT, please contact the Office of Emergency Management at 951.413.3810.

Significant Events

On February 23 - residential structure fire in the Sunnymead Ranch. Upon arrival firefighters discovered a 3000 sq. foot single-story ranch home with a fully involved four car attached garage. The fire was contained to the four car garage and a game/recreation room directly adjacent to the garage.

On February 23 - a commercial structure fire at a local grocery store in the bakery area. An eight foot high rotisserie chicken oven had caught fire and had been extinguished by an employee using a pressurized water extinguisher as the hood and duct system for the oven did not activate.

On February 24, a medical aid with seizures. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 65 continued to provide advance life support care during transport. The patient stabilized during transport and patient care was transferred to hospital staff.

On February 25, the March Air Reserve Base Fire Department (ARBFD) reported suspicious package located near the March Air Reserve Base (ARB) mail sorting facility. The ARB had received a legal-sized envelope through the United States Postal Services mail delivery that was stained with an oily substance, marked with illegible writings, and had multiple stampings. It was determined that an unidentified substance was present and the package was confined and transported to an off-site testing facility for further analysis.

On February 27 - a single vehicle had left the roadway and entered the water on the south side of Iris Avenue near Los Cabos Drive. The solo occupant of the vehicle received advance life support care from firefighter paramedics and he was transported to the local area trauma receiving center by AMR.



On February 28 - a 6 year old child having seizures and suffered head trauma from a suspected fall. Upon arrival at the hospital, the child had regained adequate respirations and was responsive to voice commands.

On March 2 - a head-on traffic collision in the Sunnymead Ranch Fire Station 48 primary response area. Two vehicles involved for a total of 4 victims. Two patients were transported in separate ambulances to a local area trauma receiving center and were accompanied by firefighter paramedics so that advance life support intervention could continue while en route to the hospital. A third ambulance transported the other two patients with minor injuries.

On March 9 - a residential structure fire in the Sunnymead Fire Station 2 primary response area. a two-story residence with smoke showing from a second story window. An aggressive interior attack was conducted in an effort to keep the fire contained to the room of origin. This action proved to be successful as the interior walls of the residence were not breached and the occupants were allowed to remain at the location.



On March 11 - a residential structure fire in the Kennedy Park Fire Station 65 primary response area. a single story residence with smoke showing from a window. Due to information received from various sources, Engine 65 declared rescue mode in order to enter a residence on fire without the presence of a rescue intervention crew (RIC) due to a victim trapped inside. This person was removed from the hazardous environment and treated by Fire Department paramedics for smoke inhalation and minor burn injuries. The fire was limited to the room of origin due to a quick interior attack and, as no interior walls were breached, the residents were not displaced.

On March 12 - an elderly male subject with a full thickness laceration and severe blood loss, who had an injury to his right thigh caused by a circular saw. Advance life support measures were administered by the firefighter paramedic from Engine 2.

On March 12 - a person suffering from multiple traumatic wounds in Morrison Park Fire Station 99 primary response arrival. Upon arrival, the firefighter paramedic from Engine 2 provided advance life support for wounds suffered to multiple areas of the body. The patient was stabilized and transported to the local area trauma receiving center. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 2 continued to provide advance life support care during transport.

On March 13 - a patient suffering from several traumatic wounds in the Box Springs Mountain area. As the exact location of the subject on Box Springs was unknown, the

Police Department requested their helicopter for this incident. After about 45 minutes of searching Box Springs Mountain, the patient was located by Star 9. The firefighter paramedic from Engine 48 provided advance life support care along with AMR's paramedic for multiple life threatening injuries. Once the patient received initial advance life support intervention, he was placed into the ambulance for transport to the local area hospital.

On March 13 - a difficulty breathing call at the II Sorrento Mobile Home Park. Fire Department units arrived on scene within three minutes and located a patient in severe respiratory distress. Basic life support care was administered until AMR arrived scene. Patient care was transferred to AMR who began advance life support care of the patient. Once the patient was placed on a cardiac monitor it was determined that they were suffering a heart attack. A firefighter II accompanied AMR to the local area STEMI center. While en route to the hospital, the patient's condition decreased and bag valve mask respirations were administered.

On March 13 - a traffic collision with cut and rescue in the primary response area for College Park Fire Station 91. a solo vehicle into a tree with one patient trapped inside the vehicle. The vehicle was stabilized and the firefighter paramedic from Engine 91 began advance life support care measure. Truck 91 performed the extrication of the patient utilizing the spreader and cutters. The patient was removed from the vehicle and transported to the local area trauma receiving center. The firefighter paramedic continued to provide advance life support intervention while en route to the hospital.



On March 14 - a 78 year old female, lying on couch who was lethargic and slow to respond to questions asked by Fire Department personnel. While the firefighter paramedic from Engine 91 began a patient assessment, the captain from Engine 91 noticed a strong smell of natural gas inside of the residence. It was determined that there were elevated levels of carbon monoxide inside the building. The patient was placed into the ambulance for transport to the local area hospital and the firefighter paramedic from Engine 91 continued to provide advance life support care during transport.

On March 16 - a multiple vehicle accident at the northbound I-215 north of Eucalyptus Avenue. Upon arrival, the MVFD units



were met by Riverside City Engine 14 who confirmed the incident was in their jurisdiction. The incident involved five vehicles with a total of seven patients, three of whom were trapped in one vehicle. Moreno Valley Fire department members immediately engaged in life saving actions by assigning the truck company to extricate the trapped patients while assigning each of the two engines companies to patient care. Riverside City also responded with two engines and a truck company. Together, a total of seven patients were transported to local area hospitals.

On March 16, Kennedy Park Fire Engine 65 was dispatched to an emergency call for service for a person going in and out of consciousness. Upon arrival, Fire Department personnel located a 66 year old female, lying in the hallway complaining of dizziness and weakness. After a thorough patient assessment, it was determined the patient was suffering from an allergic reaction. Aggressive advance life support care was administered, and anti-anaphylactic shock medication was given intravenously. The patient was transported to a local area hospital and her condition had significantly improved upon arrival at the hospital.

FINANCIAL & MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Financial Operations and Technology Services Divisions

City Enters Final Phase of ERP Implementation

Human Resources, Payroll and Technology Services are preparing to "go live" with the HR/PY modules of the new ERP system. The online system, eSuite, will be ready for employees to enter timesheets, look up paycheck stubs, and request changes to personal information on Monday, March 18th. The first paycheck will be calculated and distributed to employees on April 4th from the Logos system.

After 6 months of redesigning the City's financial Chart of Accounts, 6 months of implementing the Financial Management modules, and most recently 9 months of implementing the HR/PY modules, the last ERP modules are ready. Key milestones to be reached in the next few weeks include:

- March 15 - Final data conversion
- March 18 – eSuite available for employees to enter timesheets online & HR begins using Logos for personnel transactions
- March 26 – First employee timesheets are submitted via the online eSuite system
- April 1 – First paychecks are calculated in Logos
- April 4 – Employees receive the first direct deposits and paychecks from Logos, and the General Ledger

distributions from payroll are available to managers for reporting in Logos

The online eSuite application will allow employees to input timesheets, view or print paycheck stubs, and request personal information changes from anywhere they have an Internet connection and the Microsoft IE browser.

While many new business processes are being implemented with this new system, a smooth transition is anticipated. Some of the major changes, other than online timesheet submittal, include balanced paycheck amounts (not one larger than the other), online access and change requests to personal information, and enabling timesheet approvals and corrections by supervisors. The implementation of these new systems and processes will complete the updating of the City's financial and human resource systems, and position the City with a cutting edge system that will serve its growing needs for the next decade at a cost that is less than continuing its old, outdated system.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Special Events

Moreno Valley Parks and Community Services and the Moreno Valley Arts Commission hosted "The Writers Launchpad" on March 16, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center located at 14075 Frederick Street. This is a free workshop that will focus on helping writers bring their work to market and launching their careers.

Presenters include authors James Bruner and Elizabeth Stevens, husband and wife writing, directing and producing team. Elizabeth's first children's picture book, "Mister D," an empowering fable about overcoming your doubts and fears, was published in June 2012. Prior to their partnership, James wrote 13 films that include the hit movies Missing In Action, The Delta Force, and Invasion USA, which were all Number 1 or 2 at the box office. They shared their success and know-how at the Writer's Launch Pad.

Also appearing, Peter Pollock long-time blogger at PeterPollock.com and is a popular conference speaker. His first book, Web Hosting for Dummies, will be available in June. He's also a web hosting trainer and geek. Ultimately, Peter's passion is to help others achieve their goals with their websites and blogs – and he believes that, with a little help, anyone can have an awesome site.

Park Projects

The Lasselle Sports Park exterior of restroom and concession are anti-graffiti coated. The roofing is being installed. Underground utilities are completed and site lighting conduit is being installed.

John F. Kennedy Park Cell Tower is now complete.

TownGate Community Center patio improvements, which included the arbor, vines, and groundcover roses, have been installed. Synthetic turf has replaced the natural turf, reducing the maintenance and provide all-year access for events. This project is now complete.

TownGate Memorial Park Play Apparatus is now complete and is used extensively by neighborhood children.

The synthetic turf at the March Field Soccer Arena was installed as part one of the project. Part two involved the creation of soccer goals. Athletica, the manufacturer of the hockey dasher boards, manufactured goals to fit the project. Synthetic turf was utilized to fill the floor of the goal areas. With the exception of installing a couple of new bleachers, this project has been completed.

Recreation Division

The adult softball league begins in March, and staff anticipates the kickball and arena soccer leagues to begin shortly.

Senior Community Center

On February 12 the Center held its first annual Black History Month barbeque. The seniors enjoyed grilled chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and drinks in celebration of Black History Month. About 75 seniors were in attendance including Councilman Molina.

On February 14 the seniors had their annual Valentine's Day Dance, which was sponsored by Destiny Homecare and Health Net. About 70 seniors enjoyed raffles, music, games and dessert.

The February Senior Birthday Party was celebrated on February 28. 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 the cake and ice cream.

Tax assistance began on February 1 and goes Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. until April 17. All taxes will be done at no charge to those with low to moderate income by AARP.

Grant Program

“A Child’s Place” is preparing for the upcoming spring break. The program will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the two-week break. Children will enjoy an array of spring activities including a Pajama Day Pancake Morning, walking field trips to Bethune Park, and a spring Easter Egg Hunt Carnival.

All staff will be participating in an all-day training, “Planning for the Future, Fueling Your Passion,” presented by Family Service Association at Cal-Baptist University. All staff will receive eight hours of professional growth towards their teaching credentials.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Community Advisory Meeting

The next Citywide Camera Surveillance System Community Advisory Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at the Moreno Valley Police Department. The goal of each meeting is to inform attendees of the history, purpose, benefits, and progress of the project. The meeting will also include an open forum for community input, questions, and answers.

Cases of the Week:

On Thursday, February 21, 2013, our officers were dispatched to a burglary occurring in the 15600 block of Sage Court, located in the City of Moreno Valley. Our officers arrived quickly on scene and talked to witnesses who advised the suspects had fled in a gray Honda Accord. Our officers located the vehicle traveling through a residential area and attempted to stop the suspect vehicle. The suspects attempted to evade our officers who pursued the vehicle through the neighborhood. The driver lost control of the vehicle at the intersection of Brodiaea Ave., and Houston Dr., where he crashed into a fire hydrant sheering it off. Our officers arrested four suspects in connection with the residential burglary.

During the course of the initial investigation, items were recovered from the scene which linked the suspects to other burglaries in the area. Members of our Burglary Suppression and Special Enforcement Teams began developing leads in the case. Through investigative leads our officers determined that a local Moreno Valley gang was involved in burglarizing numerous Verizon Stores throughout Riverside and Los Angeles Counties and had stolen approximately \$50,000 worth of merchandise over the past few months. On Wednesday, March 6, 2013, our officer’s served five search warrants in the City of Moreno Valley, which stemmed from this ongoing investigation. Our officers identified and

arrested five additional suspects who were involved in the theft ring. All five suspects were determined to be residents of Moreno Valley and belonged to a local street gang. Our officers charged the suspect’s with various crimes, ranging from burglary, felony firearms possession, narcotics possession, conspiracy, to possession of stolen property. Our officers are also charging the suspects with gang enhancement allegations, due to their participation with a local criminal street gang.

On Tuesday, March 12, 2013, officers responded to an unknown trouble call in the 26000 block of Biloxi Dr., in the City of Moreno Valley. While officers were responding, dispatch advised them that two male subjects broke into the residence at the location and were shot by the homeowner. Officers arrived and located two male juveniles in the area suffering from non-life threatening gunshot wounds. Both juveniles were transported and treated at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center.

Detectives responded to the scene to assist with the investigation. During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that the homeowner was sleeping when he heard his front door bell ringing. Initially the homeowner ignored the doorbell then he heard it a second time. He got out of bed and responded to the front door. Prior to answering the door he looked outside and saw two males walking toward the side of his residence. The homeowner walked back to his bedroom and heard noises coming from the side of his residence. The homeowner then heard a large crash as if his rear sliding glass door had been broken. The homeowner retrieved his registered firearm and walked to the rear of his residence to investigate. He was confronted by the two suspects who were standing inside of his residence. The homeowner fearing for his life fired at the suspects. One suspect fell to the ground and the other ran out of the rear of his residence. The first suspect got up and also ran out of the rear of the residence.

The juveniles were treated for their injuries and later released. The investigation was forwarded to the Juvenile Probation Department for charges to be filed on the suspects for residential burglary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Capital Projects

Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral “B” (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue

Construction for the Perris Boulevard Widening from Perris Valley Storm Drain Lateral “B” (Southerly City Limits) to Cactus Avenue project continues to progress. To date, all utility poles have been relocated to allow for the widening of the roadway. The contractor, Hillcrest Contracting, Inc., has already constructed the curb, gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, cross gutters, and driveway approaches, completed most storm drain work, and relocated all necessary traffic signals. Upcoming work includes minor storm drain work and pavement widening. For such a large project (3.5 miles in length), overall traffic conditions have been good and cooperation with owners and residents has been excellent.



The overall project objective includes constructing street widening to a uniform six travel lanes, concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, driveway approaches, minor drainage improvements, utility relocation, and relocated traffic signals. Project completion is estimated for May 2013.

City Hall 2nd Level Floor Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit, and Roof Restoration

The Relocation Plan for the City Hall 2nd Level Floor Rehabilitation, Seismic Retrofit, and Roof Restoration project is approaching completion with the final remaining groups on the 2nd level floor making their migrations to their temporary locations this week. Second level and Facilities’ staff has demonstrated great teamwork throughout this move. Staff’s cooperation to quickly settle into their temporary work spaces has limited disruption to public service and operations.

By March 28, 2013 all 2nd level occupants will have relocated to either the 1st floor of City Hall or Annex #4 and will remain at their temporary locations throughout the construction phase. The 2nd floor project was advertised for bids early February 2013 and the bid opening was held on March 5, 2013. The Award of Construction is scheduled for City Council on March 26, 2013. With Council’s approval, construction will commence immediately on the following Monday, April 1st and is targeted for completion within 3-4 months.

State Route 60/Nason Street Overcrossing Bridge

The bridge construction is proceeding well. The contractor is building abutment walls and columns for the west side of the new bridge. On two weekends in March, the contractor is closing the freeway to put up falsework supports over the freeway, allowing them to

begin building the new bridge deck. The contractor is also building the new sound wall along Elder Avenue from Nason Street to 400 feet west of Falcon Lane; as well as widening Nason Street south of the bridge. The west side of the new bridge is expected to be completed in late May. After the west side is open to traffic, the contractor will demolish the old bridge and build the east side of the new bridge. When complete, the new bridge will be 5 lanes wide and about 5 feet higher. There will be new lanes, sidewalks, street lights, and a median on Nason. The construction is expected to be completed in late winter 2014, with landscaping to follow.

State Route 60/Moreno Beach Drive Interchange Phs 1



The contractor has completed the new retaining wall and drainage pipes behind the

Auto Mall. The contractor is importing fill material, up to 18 feet high, throughout March. Trucks are using the freeway to enter the project. The new on-ramp is expected to be opened to traffic in late April. On the west side of Moreno Beach Drive, the contractor will be building a temporary eastbound off-ramp, allowing him to move traffic so he can build the permanent eastbound off-ramp faster than originally scheduled. This is a new measure to speed up construction and the opening of Eucalyptus Avenue to Moreno Beach Drive. The goal of the project is to realign the eastbound ramps to a “diamond” configuration and complete Eucalyptus, thereby providing better traffic circulation. Construction is expected to take until September 2013.

EOC FAMILY CARE CENTER EMERGENCY GENERATOR

The project construct a new generator set and tank located at the Conference and Recreation Center, which is designated as the EOC Family Care Center, and add a new 5,000 gallon fuel tank at the existing generator at City Hall. This new tank will bring the existing generator into compliance with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) code 110-5.1.2 which requires adequate fuel capacity to run the generator for 96 hours. Construction of the EOC Family Care Center Emergency Generator has started in November 2012.

The project construction continues to progress on schedule. The new generator set and the fuel tank have been delivered to the site on January 18. The upgrade tank for the exiting generator was also delivered in February and ready



for connection. The contractor is in the process of connecting the new generator to the power system feeding the Conference and Recreation Center via the Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS). Final site finishing and landscaping are scheduled early in April 2013. Construction will finish by end of May 2013 (weather permitting).



Kenny Drive were paved early in March. The project construction will finish by mid of April 2013 (weather permitting).

Police Department Monitor Room Space Conversion Project

The project is a Tenant Improvement type building construction. This project constructs the Monitor Room for the Citywide surveillance cameras by joining the room currently used as a Report Writing Room and the adjacent IT Storage room. The construction contract has been awarded to Rasmussen Brothers Construction, Inc. by City Council on October 9, 2012.

The construction includes the demolition of the existing wall between the Report Writing Room and IT Storage Room, construction of a wall that will ultimately join the two areas to create one complete and separate room, installation of a new door and a small window, patching and painting. Additional fire alarm, strobe and audio, fire sprinklers, minor HVAC, electrical, and lighting work are also a part of the scope of work. Construction started on November 15, 2012. The general contractor has finished the interior improvement including new carpet installation by end of December 2012. Riverside County Information Technology starts installation of data line in mid February 2013 and completes by mid-March 2013.

Street Improvement Program-Kentland Lane, Wilson Place And Kenny Drive.

The project involves the reconstruction of three (3) streets citywide with Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement roadway, striping, and signage. The improvements also include drainage, driveway construction, mailbox and utility relocations.



The three streets included in the improvements are: Kentland Lane south of Eucalyptus

Avenue, Wilson Place from Hubbard Street to Kenny Drive, and Kenny Drive from Wilson Place to Hilton Street. The construction contract was awarded to C & C Grading and Paving, Inc. on December 11, 2012. Construction started in January 2013. Kentland Lane was been paved early in February. Wilson Place and