



Report to Arts Commission

TO: Arts Commission

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MONTHLY UPDATE

Administration

Community Events

The Skate Park Grand Opening was held May 29 at Moreno Valley Community Park with more than 500 in attendance. City officials approved constructing the facility after several high school and college students petitioned the City, turning in 982 signatures in the spring of 2018. The new facility provides 4,777 square-feet of rails, ramps, and walls and welcomes skateboards, bicycles, rollerblades, roller skates, and scooters seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



In recognition of the National Recreation and Park Association's Family Fit Day, the City hosted a Hike to Hidden Springs on Saturday, June 8. Participants enjoyed the hike and participated in the one-minute of jumping jacks challenge as well.



July 4th Parade and Family FunFest:

Planning continues for the July 4th Parade and Family FunFest. To date the City has received \$36,000 in monetary sponsorship, as well as numerous in-kind donations. The parade is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. beginning at City Hall, heading north on Frederick Street. The FunFest will begin at 2 p.m. at Morrison Park/Mountain View Middle School with entertainment, food and craft booths, a Kids Zone, and beer garden. The event will conclude with a fireworks display at 9 p.m., synced with radio station KOLA 99.9.

MoVal Rocks & MoVal Movies:

Final arrangements are being made for the MoVal Rocks & MoVal Movies series which begins on July 12. The *Avenge "Yer" Hunger Food Truck Fest* is scheduled for July 26 with multiple food truck vendors and beer garden. The ArtFest will take place at the final MoVal Rocks & MoVal Movie on August 9 with artists showcasing and selling their works of art.

Grant Programs

A Child's Place Child Care Program

- The preliminary program review for the annual audit was conducted by the City's audit firm the week of May 20.
- Staff at the Sunnymead Middle School child care program created "The Escape Challenge" to model how to turn negative behaviors and situations into positive ones. Children were divided into groups, and each group had to solve multiple puzzles in order to complete the challenge. Teams had to work together to solve problems, communicate effectivity, and think outside the box. The purpose of the activity was to inspire students to use the knowledge they gained from this game and apply it in other daily life situations they may encounter.
- Rainbow Ridge and Red Maple Elementary School sites will be undergoing classroom renovations to repaint doors, ramps, and classroom walls.

After School Expanded Learning Program (ASES)

- There have been promising developments on the legislative front for after school funding. Various agencies across the state, including the City's contract partner Think Together, have applied considerable focus and resources toward supporting proposals currently before State lawmakers. AB1725 passed the Assembly, which would increase the daily rate per student per day to \$9.75 with an annual COLA tied to minimum wage. The Senate Budget Subcommittee recommended appropriation of an additional \$100 million and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee recommended appropriation of an additional \$80.5 million. The final outcome will be known when the State budget is released on June 15.
- Evaluation of the Request for Proposal for the operation of the City's After School Education and Safety (ASES) Expanded Learning Program was completed on June 4. Contract award to the vendor Think Together will go to City Council on June 18.

- The pilot computer coding program funded by the City's new ASES KIDS CODE grant is in full operation at three grant sites: Serrano, Columbia and Edgemont Elementary Schools. The biggest challenge has been internet connectivity, which Think Together is addressing by drafting an MOU with the school districts to grant them access to the schools' internet networks.
- As part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center program, the City partners with the Moreno Valley Unified School District to fund 11 school sites. This Summer Learning Academy is scheduled to operate four days per week June 24 through July 25. Registration is now being accepted for all sites.
- Student leaders at North Ridge Elementary are leading the way with an activity in which students express their feelings and thoughts. This activity encourages students to share what they enjoyed about their day during the school time and what they did to be responsible that day. This program strives to ensure all students are able to be heard and have the opportunity to voice their opinion in a safe environment.
- Sunnymead Elementary School students hosted a Target-sponsored event that emphasized the importance of healthy living. In addition to playing a soccer game, students learned the health benefits of adding fruits and vegetables to their daily diet.



Community Services Division

Recreation Programs

- The Time for Tots graduation was held on June 5 at the Conference and Recreation Center. Sixty-two tots graduated to Kindergarten and over 150 family members attended.



- Time for Tots held the first annual "Pizza with Pops" event on May 30. The tots enjoyed time with their family while eating pizza, indulging in an ice cream sundae bar, and playing games.
- Summer day camps started on June 10. Participants ages 5-14 enjoy games, crafts, team-building activities, field trips, and sports days.

Sports Programs

- The Pee Wee/Junior T-Ball season started the last week of May. During the first half of the program, children learned the fundamentals of the sport including batting, catching, throwing, and running the bases. The second half of the program included scrimmages between the six teams to put their newly acquired skills to use.
- Registration is now available for the Pee Wee/Junior Basketball Clinic and Basketball League.

Senior Center

- 150 seniors celebrated Cinco de Mayo with food, drinks and music on May 2.
- The Center celebrated Mother's Day with a brunch and live music on May 10.
- The Center held a Senior Health Care and Resource Fair on May 13. Eighteen vendors provided information on medical care, insurance, telecommunication, and dentistry. Snacks were provided by Your Bac Insurance.
- Due to their condition, the Center's pool tables were re-felted, much to the delight of the 65 seniors who play pool every day.



- On May 30, 57 seniors boarded a chartered bus to Pala Casino.

Parks Maintenance Division

Parks Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Resealed splash pad at Celebration Park.
- Renovated football turf at Lasselle Sports Park and soccer turf on field #4 at El Potrero East.
- Fertilized sports fields.

The following projects are in progress:

- Continue to grind raised sidewalks at all parks.
- Install Cal Sense irrigation controllers at Vista Lomas Park and Rockridge Parks.
- Replace light pole bases at John F. Kennedy Memorial and Woodland Parks.
- Repair lighting at various park sites.
- Grade multi-use trails due to rain damage.
- Weed abate Equestrian Center, Hidden Springs Trail, and Markborough property.
- Trim trees in parks on the north side of the city.

- Install and repair irrigation at Westbluff Park due to high school construction.
- Install playground fiber at Bethune, John F. Kennedy Memorial, and Sunnymead Parks.
- Slurry coat and stripe parking lots at Bethune, Celebration, El Potrero, Ridgecrest, TownGate, and Shadow Mountain Parks.

Vandalism and Graffiti

Parks Maintenance staff spent 42 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 15 sites.

Park Ranger Statistics

Park Rangers patrolled 1,463 areas, had 3,309 public contacts, and issued 81 citations such as curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol.

Court Referral Workers

Court referrals worked 1,720 hours (215 work days).

Parks Projects

Civic Center Park and Amphitheater: The architect is reviewing staff's comments and will be producing 90% plans for final input.

Community Demonstration Garden: City Council approved the project. Staff is working on an agreement with an architect to produce working drawings, so the project can break ground.

Westbluff Park Trail: The contractor is installing walkway lights along the concrete path between the City's and Canyon Springs High School's property lines.

March Field Park Community Center: Community meetings were held to receive input from residents on recreational elements and areas for the renovation of the March Community Center if application is approved via Prop 68 grant.

Conference and Recreation Center Rentals

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

- Moreno Valley Ballet Folklorico Scholarship Association's annual event with more than 450 guests in attendance.
- Vista Del Lago High School's AVID Banquet
- Moreno Valley Unified School District's Valedictorian/Salutatorian Celebration
- Riverside County Office of Education Training
- Riverside County Probation Department's Core Graduation
- 15th Birthday Party for 250 guests
- Moreno Valley Unified School District's AAPAC Awards Banquet
- First Five Riverside training
- Riverside County Office of Education's Top Scholars Graduation and Banquet

- Moreno Valley College's Spring Leadership Banquet
- Loma Linda VA Women's National Baby Shower
- Riverside County Office of Education's Management Leadership Training
- Career Care College's Graduation
- Garvey Allen Academy's Dinner Meeting
- SIATech's Public Charter High School Graduation

The guest count attending functions for the month of May was 4,530 guests.