



## Report to Arts Commission

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**TO:** Arts Commission

**FROM:** Patricia Solano, Parks and Community Services Director

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### **Community Events**

**Hound Town Get Down:** Approximately 150 participants attended the Hound Town Get Down Owner and Doggy event on February 8 at the Hound Town Dog Park. Participants enjoyed demonstrations, treats, photo booth fun, and resources.



**Race Across the Base 5K:** The 5K Race Across the Base event will take place at March Field Park on March 7 from 8-11 a.m. Participants of all ages are welcome to participate. The event will feature a 5K Run, 1K Fun Run, fitness and resource fair, medals, t-shirts, food vendors, and prizes.

**Multi-Agency Joint Trail Events:** In an effort to enhance the City's Hike to the Top program and expose local hikers to other area trails systems, Parks and Community Services will be implementing multi-agency joint trail events. Staff contacted surrounding public park agencies with the intent to establish a partnership among the group that will share hiking trails. The goal is to provide a different hiking experience and attract more hikers to each agency's hiking events. This partnership will include surrounding cities of the City of Perris, City of Redlands, City of Menifee, Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District, and California State Lake Perris.

To begin the partnership, the agencies previously named have been invited to attend the City's Hike to the Top to Lake Perris on February 29. The agencies will be able to

set up information booths providing information on their agencies, opportunity drawing items, and additional staff and local hikers to the hike.

California Parks & Recreation Society Award: The California Parks & Recreation Society's (CPRS) mission is to advance the park and recreation profession through education, networking, resources, and advocacy. Awards from CPRS are considered the highest recognition that can be received in the field of parks and recreation.

For 2020, the City submitted four nominations to CPRS and was informed in late January that the City will be awarded the Award of Excellence for Expanded Learning Program for the After School Education and Safety (ASES) program. The award will be presented to the City at the CPRS Award Banquet on March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Long Beach.

### Grant Programs

#### After School Expanded Learning Program (ASES)

- Tours of the after school program are scheduled for February 26 with the Mayor and Council Member Thornton. They are planning to visit Hidden Springs, Sugar Hill and Cloverdale Elementary schools.
- Collaboration meetings are held with City liaisons and Think Together staff to review the ASES program on a monthly basis. In February, a Val Verde Unified School District liaison attended and provided a site visit to Victoriano Elementary School.

#### A Child's Place

- Sunnymead Elementary School child care site is showcasing their new classroom "Student of the Week" bulletin board. Each week a different student is selected for showing classroom kindness, following program rules, or showing a positive attitude while in the program. Each child gets their picture taken along with a caption that details their accomplishment.



### ***Community Services Division***

#### Recreation Programs

- On January 30, the children in the Time for Tots program held their first Grandparent's Day event at the Conference and Recreation Grand Valley Ballroom. Activities included outdoor games, craft, face painting, line-dancing, and a classic western lunch. Approximately 80 people attended.



- The Movin' thru MoVal Mobile Community Center began circulating through the community on February 3. This free drop-in program is designed to bring after school recreation and other resources to residents at Moreno Valley parks. MoVin' thru MoVal serves youth ages 5-12 and offers various educational and physical activities from 3-6 p.m. each weekday. The Mobile Community Center schedule is as follows:

Monday: TownGate Park (13051 Elsworth Street)  
Tuesday: Shadow Mountain Park (23239 Presidio Hills Drive)  
Wednesday: Rock Ridge Park (27119 Waterford Way); 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
Woodland Park (25705 Cactus Avenue); 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
Thursday: Celebration Park (14965 Morgan Avenue)  
Friday: El Potrero Park (16901 Lasselle Street)

The MoVin' thru MoVal Mobile Community Center schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather, and information can be obtained by calling the City's Field Conditions Hotline at (951) 413-3730.



### Moreno Valley Senior Community Center

- On January 2, 165 seniors attended the New Year's Motown Bash Party. The emcees for the event were the Senior Center's own Clay and Tami Drayton. Mr. Drayton, who was in the music industry for many years, talked about his time working for Motown and producing three gold records. Music, dancing, Coney dogs, snacks, and refreshments were provided. Opportunity drawing prizes were provided by the Riverside Office of Aging.



- On January 7, Listos began holding four-week basic emergency training workshops for Spanish-speaking seniors. Eight seniors attended the first training.
- Free notary service was available on January 31.
- Sixty seniors attended the Big Game Day party participating in trivia and a bean bag toss tournament. Prizes were sponsored by the Riverside County Office of Aging, Clear Captions, and PEERFIT.
- In January, Family Services Association served 1,608 meals at the Senior Center and prepared 1,343 meals for home-bound seniors. Total meals served in 2019 at the Senior Center was 19,959 with 19,370 meals being delivered to home-bound seniors.
- Total Senior Center attendance for 2019 was 40,285.



### ***Parks Maintenance Division***

Parks Maintenance staff completed the following projects:

- Installed/replaced trashcans and replaced playground-climbing apparatus at El Potrero Park West.
- Installed/replaced picnic table at John F. Kennedy Memorial Park.
- Fertilized baseball outfields.
- Trimmed palm trees at Sunnymead Park.
- Groomed soccer fields at Moreno Valley Community Park.
- Graded roads at the Moreno Valley Equestrian Center.
- Graded ballfield infields at Morrison Park.

The following projects are in progress:

- Continue to grind raised sidewalks at all parks.
- Replace light pole bases at John F. Kennedy Memorial and Woodland Parks.
- Trim trees at Cottonwood Golf Center.
- Spray weeds in parks.
- Repair chain link fence at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park tennis courts.
- Grade Hammet Trail.
- Install two new pathway light poles at Woodland and El Potrero East Parks.
- Trim hedges at Sunnymead Park.
- Paint doors on restroom building at Sunnymead Park.
- Perform irrigation checks and repairs at Moreno Valley Community and Morrison Parks.
- Remove Pepsi machine and enclosure at TownGate Memorial Park.
- Weed abate March Field Park open space areas.

### **Vandalism and Graffiti**

Parks Maintenance staff spent 72 hours abating vandalism and graffiti at 38 sites.

### Park Ranger Statistics

Park Rangers patrolled 1,202 areas, had 1,254 public contacts, and issued three citations for curfew, vandalism, parking, and alcohol.

### Court Referral Workers

Court referrals worked 808.5 hours (101.5 work days).

### ***Parks Projects***

- Civic Center Amphitheater and Park: The City Council awarded a construction agreement to Horizons Construction and approved first amendment to TKE's agreement for construction management services on February 4. A request for the approval of lighting fixtures will go to the City Council on February 18. The lights will be purchased using a cooperative purchasing agreement and are separate from the contractor's agreement to help expedite the purchasing process of these longer lead time items.
- Community Demonstration Garden: Project is almost ready for City plan check with a projected opening in fall 2020.
- Rancho Verde Linear Park: Staff is working with California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on the encroachment permit with assistance from Community Development. Proposals for archaeological services to perform the DWR-required California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) search and conduct a pedestrian survey are underway.
- Community Park Security Cameras: Additional security cameras are being considered to improve security at the park.
- Trail Segments Under Construction: Staff inspected the trail segments under construction by KB Home at the Boulder Ridge, Daybreak, and Bella Cortina developments. Construction on these trails continues and will be inspected as requested by the developer.
- Equestrian Center Trail Access to Riverside County Wildlife Conservation Area (RCWCA): The City is meeting with Riverside County staff to assess the feasibility of creating a fence opening between the equestrian center and the adjacent RCWCA property to allow pedestrian and equestrian trail users to access the RCWCA area. This trail access change was requested by the Trailseekers at a recent Parks, Community Services and Trails Committee meeting.
- Pedestrian Crossing to Woodland Park: Department staff met on-site with Public Works to discuss the improvements in the park from the Public Works pedestrian crossing signal project at Redwing Drive and Cactus Avenue, for safer access to the park from the adjacent neighborhood. Parks staff will work on a planter design that will serve as a visual deterrent from crossing at the corner without the crosswalk.

### ***Conference and Recreation Center Rentals***

In addition to church services and various meetings in January, the following notable rentals were held.

- Riverside County Office of Education Universal Design Conference

- Moreno Valley College Martin Luther King Day Breakfast
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life Conference
- France Media Inland Empire Conference
- Riverside County Office of Education Local Control and Accountability Meetings
- Moreno Valley High School Mid-Winter Formal
- Vista Del Lago Mid-Winter Formal

Attendance for January was approximately 3,220 guests.