

CITY OF MONTCLAIR

**Montclair Civic Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763**

March 29, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT: March 23-29, 2012

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- The *2012 State of the City Address—A City on Track*, featuring a *Taste of Montclair*, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 in the Community Center—the program begins at 11:30 a.m.

The Mayor's Office anticipates approximately 350 attendees including representatives from other government agencies, members of the business community, food vendors, support staff, and City employees. In order to provide adequate parking for all invited dignitaries and guests, Montclair Branch Library personnel and full- and part-time employees of the City working at the Civic Center (exclusive of personnel requiring handicapped parking and personnel authorized access to secured parking south of the Youth Center) who would normally park at the following locations are directed to use the Montclair Towne Center south parking lot:

- ✓ Civic Center north and south parking lots
- ✓ First United Methodist Church parking lot
- ✓ Alma Hofman Park parking lot
- ✓ Secured parking lot east of racquetball courts
- ✓ Curbside parking along Fremont Avenue and/or Benito Street

In order to avoid impacting customer access to businesses operating at the Montclair Towne Center, parking stalls serving Yum Yum Donuts and those immediately in front of Trinity Music Academy, AVL Staffing, and the Chamber of Commerce, should not be used. All other City employees who will be attending the event, exclusive of on-duty safety personnel driving emergency response vehicles, should also park at Montclair Towne Center.

Public Works Department employees will block early morning access to Civic Center parking lots and will reopen parking lots to employees at approximately 1:30 p.m.

- Yesterday, surrounded by family, friends, colleagues, and City staff, Mayor Paul Eaton was honored by Soroptimist International of Montclair/Inland Valley with the distinguished President's Award in recognition of his significant impact upon the Montclair community.

Mayor Eaton has been a member of the Montclair City Council since 1988, when he succeeded the late City Council Member Billy Oldfield. In 1995, he was honored and appointed by fellow City Council Members to a vacancy in the Mayoral seat, retaining the Mayorship through the current date.

Prior to his elected leadership positions on the City Council, Mayor Eaton was appointed in 1970 to serve a four-year term on the Montclair Community Action Committee. In 1974, he was appointed to the Montclair Planning Commission, where he remained a member through 1988, when he was appointed to fill the City Council vacancy.

Mayor Eaton is an active elected official, currently serving on a variety of local and regional committees, Boards, and organizations including the following:

- ✓ Board of Directors, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)
- ✓ SANBAG Commuter Rail Committee
- ✓ Ex-Officio Member, SANBAG Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority
- ✓ Board Member, SCRRA (Metrolink), serving as Chair of the Safety Operational Oversight Committee
- ✓ Board of Directors, Omnitrans
- ✓ Member, Inland Empire Utilities Agency, Regional Sewage Policy Committee
- ✓ Member SANBAG Major Projects Committee
- ✓ Member SANBAG Plans and Programs Committee
- ✓ Member SANBAG Administrative Committee Gold Line Joint Powers Authority
- ✓ Member, Southern California Associated Governments (SCAG)
- ✓ Honorary Member, Montclair Kiwanis
- ✓ Delegate, SCAG District 9 General Assembly

- ✓ Delegate, National League of Cities
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Successor Redevelopment Agency
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Successor Housing Authority
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Housing Corporation
- ✓ Chairman, Montclair Financing Authority

Other award recipients include Giovanna Castellanos, Violet Richardson Award for service and leadership in High School; Jennifer Payne, Women's Opportunity Award for her service as a positive role model for community and family; Foothill Family Shelter, Women Helping Women Award for outstanding leadership and promoting the empowerment of women; USO Ontario Airport, Community Service Recognition for service to American military personnel; Theresa Hanley, Woman of Distinction for exhibiting outstanding professional achievement in one or more of the following categories: education, economic and social development, environment, health, human rights, and international goodwill; Pathways/Africa, Advancing the Status Award for promotion of programs enhancing professional and personal growth among women; and Peggy Cartwright, Prism Award, for professional and/or community service resulting in greater empowerment among women, children, the elderly, and the disadvantaged.

Congratulations, Mayor Eaton, for this outstanding honor recognizing your long years of service to the Montclair community, and for your leadership in local government; and congratulations to each of the Soroptimist award winners.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide organization for women in management and the professions, working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women. A Soroptimist believes that by joining with other women and engaging awareness, advocacy, and action in service to her community and society, she can make the world a better place.

- Earlier this month, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) adopted an amendment to Regulation 18705.5, allowing local public officials to vote on their own appointments to compensated positions on various types of boards, including joint powers authorities and local area planning organizations. The amendment requires that information about the boards be posted on the local agency's website, including the name of the appointed official, the amount of compensation (stipend or salary) for the position, and the term of the appointment.

The amendment reverses a previous FPPC advisory placing 40 Orange County city council members on notice that they had violated the Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, *et seq.*) when they voted to appoint themselves to local and regional governing bodies where they would be compensated by more than \$250 per year. Council members who received notices were not fined, but only warned of their violations.

In the advisory, the FPPC reasoned, for purposes of disqualification under Government Code sections 87100 and 87103, a public official has an economic interest in his or her personal finances. A governmental decision will have an effect on an official's personal finances if the decision will result in the personal expenses, income, assets or liabilities of the official, or his or her immediate family, increasing or decreasing. A reasonably foreseeable effect on an official's personal finances is material if it is at least \$250 in a 12-month period.

This month's reversal by the FPPC exempts California local officials from the above conflict rules and permits those officials to vote on paid appointments to local and regional governing boards.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- Join us for the City's Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Montclair Community Center and adjacent Starlite Patio. Games and other activities, Easter eggs, and candy for children 10 years and younger will be included. Children are invited to bring their own baskets from home to win candy-filled eggs.

The Easter Bunny will arrive in a fire engine and will pose for photos (\$3 per photo or \$1 to take your own photo). The pancake breakfast, offered for \$3 per breakfast, will also include sausage, orange juice, and coffee.

This event is sponsored by the City of Montclair, Montclair Kiwanis Club, Montclair Police Officers Association, and Montclair-Ontario Junior Women's Club. For additional information, please call (909) 625-9479.

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Reserve Officers conducted the third Traffic Enforcement Program of the year on March 24, resulting in a warrant arrest and 46 citations. They also responded to calls for service.

Our appreciation goes to Reserve Officers Joe Kuskie and Keith Dow, Reserve Sergeant Scott Stephenson, and Reserve Captain Ron Ross. The next Traffic Enforcement Program will be held on April 28, 2012.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- During the past two weeks, Fire suppression personnel participated in state certified auto extrication training, instructed by Engineer Steve Ward and Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Jackson. Victims of traffic collisions often become trapped in their vehicles. Auto extrication is the process of removing a vehicle from around a person who is trapped inside.

The classroom portion of the training covered topics such as size-up, scene safety, personal protective equipment, vehicle stabilization, scene management, hazard control, patient access, disentanglement, and extrication. The second part of the class took place at the training tower where Fire crews responded to simulated multi-vehicle traffic collisions and applied the methods and techniques they learned to safely extricate victims from the mangled vehicles.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- The Building Maintenance Division has started preparing for the Splash Pad grand opening in May. Recently Building Maintenance Technician John Conley removed water deposits left behind from last year. Next, John waxed, buffed, and polished all painted surfaces. The transformation was amazing—all of the painted water features look brand new again. Many of the water features were leaking at the end of the season last year so they were rebuilt. At the end of April, the underground water tank will be filled, the pumps will be turned, on and the system will run for four weeks prior to opening weekend to test for any major problems.

Here are some interesting facts about the Splash Pad:

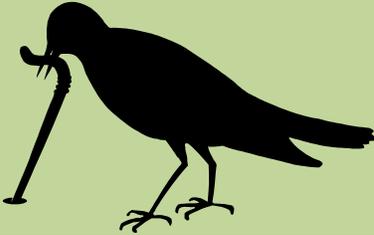
- ✓ The variable speed pump is capable of moving an astonishing 800 gallons of water per minute
- ✓ There are 2 sand filters; each filter holds 925 pounds of sand, providing crystal clear water for the kids to splash in
- ✓ An automatic chemical injection system maintains proper levels of chlorine and PH throughout the day
- ✓ An ultraviolet light kills bacteria in the water and also kills some of the chlorine
- ✓ It has a 4,000 gallon underground water storage tank
- ✓ An automatic valve diverts rainwater away from the water storage tank and into the park's bioswale

- ✓ There are 10 valves that systematically open and close, providing water to various water features and keeping kids entertained all day long.

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"Knowledge is the only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns."
~ John Clarke

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31	Reserve Officers Appreciation Banquet Montclair Police Department	3:00 p.m.

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2	City Council Workshop Impound Lot Operational Status Report Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
2	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
4	State of the City Address and Taste of Montclair Montclair Community Center	11:30 a.m.
4	Community Action Committee Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
7	Easter Eggstravaganza and Pancake Breakfast Montclair Community Center and Starlite Theater	9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
8	Easter	
9	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
16	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
16	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
19	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
19	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
22	Earth Day	
23	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
25	Legislative Action Days, April 25-26 Sacramento	
27	Arbor Day	



**Auto Extrication Training
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