



## **CITY OF MONTCLAIR**

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

April 26, 2012

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY REPORT: April 20-26, 2012

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➤ ***CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS***

- In a letter sent to local redevelopment agencies and city managers statewide last week, the California Redevelopment Association announced it initiated a process that will ultimately lead to the dissolution of the statewide association. The letter reads, in part: "Thirty-three years later we are confronted with the unfortunate reality that the years of incredible success with redevelopment—building affordable housing, creating jobs, cleaning up and reusing contaminated sites, and revitalizing communities—have now come to an end due to a policy choice of the State of California to address its fiscal imbalance in part by dissolving redevelopment agencies. As a result, cities and counties in California will, at least for a time, have to address community revitalization needs without this incredibly powerful tool. With the dissolution of local redevelopment agencies as of February 1, 2012, it has become clear to the board and executive staff that the business plan for CRA is no longer sustainable. The CRA Board of Directors has now concluded with great reluctance that it has no other prudent choice but to initiate the dissolution of the association."

The League of California Cities has already taken a leadership role in discussing the future of any "next generation" local community revitalization tool.

CRA's website, [www.calredevelop.org](http://www.calredevelop.org), will continue indefinitely after April 30, 2012. Various materials related to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and follow up legislation are posted there.

- **Redevelopment Legislative Update: AB 1585 (Perez)** is now in the Senate, after passing the Assembly, 58-7. The bill is a redevelopment cleanup measure containing numerous policy and technical cleanups to ABX1 26. Other redevelopment-related legislation includes **SB 986 (Dutton)**, which addresses bond proceeds and tax exemption issues arising out of ABX1 26. **SB 1335 (Pavley)** was introduced to address issues related to Brownfield clean up in a post-redevelopment world; and **SB 1220 (De Saulnier)**, which concerns funding affordable housing for low-income households in California, has an April 29 hearing date before the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- The 23rd anniversary of the Golden Follies Senior Citizens Talent Showcase was held last Saturday at the Community Center. Attended by Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft, Council Member Bill Ruh, and 400 community members, the show featured more than 200 seniors from Chino, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Montclair.

Performances included solo acts; choral groups; and line, belly, and tap dancing.

Senior Program Specialist Ester Vargas Pipersky, Program Aide Martha Medina, and Learning Coordinator Robert Mendoza deserve a round of applause for coordinating this successful event.

Photos are featured on Page 7.

- On Tuesday, April 24, I attended the 31st Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, which was themed "Montclair's Volunteers: The Beats that Keep us in Harmony." Joining me and 170 volunteers at the Community Center were Mayor Paul Eaton; Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft; and Council Members John Dutrey, Leonard Paulitz, and Bill Ruh.

This event is held every April, in conjunction with national volunteer month, to thank Human Services Division volunteers. The program included a celebration of music across the decades, a violinist, and a slideshow of photos showing volunteers in action. Assistant Director of Human Services Marcia Richter, à la Maria from *The Sound of Music*, twirled into the room to the movie's theme song and welcomed everyone. Singer Ron Johnson played a collection of fun songs and even got the audience involved in a singing competition. Human Services Division staff served the special dinner.

It should be noted that last year, approximately 270 volunteers donated more than 7,000 hours to Human Services programs!

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with this event. Please check out the photos on Page 8.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- On April 24, Donald Allen, a field representative with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), inspected the temporary holding facility at the Police Department to ensure compliance with laws and regulations related to the detention of adults and juveniles. Mr. Allen conducted a visual inspection of the facility, reviewed policies and procedures, and audited booking records. The Police Department was found to be in compliance with all applicable regulations. Mr. Allen was impressed the quality of the facility and systems in place to ensure the safety and welfare of prisoners. He provided recommendations to mitigate potential problems, and the Police Department took immediate action to implement his recommendations.

CDCR-CSA is one of many agencies that conduct routine inspections of the temporary holding facility. Others include San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services, San Bernardino County Adult Detention Facilities Advisory Committee, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Bernardino County, and Montclair Fire Department.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- On April 17, 18, and 19, Senior Fire Inspector Richard Rivera gave the suppression crews tours of Montclair Plaza to prepare them for an emergency response to this location. Two Plaza Engineers assisted Richard with each two-hour tour. Crews were shown the locations of the fire alarm panel, exhaust system, fire risers, hose connections, several electrical rooms, the double-check detector assemblies (DCDA), post indicator valves (PIV), Fire Department connections (FDC), and gas shut-off valve in the food court.

The tours were most beneficial to our newest Firefighters.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- The Canoga Street Improvement Project began construction late last week and is moving steadily. The Montclair Housing Corporation-owned *Patio Apartments* on Canoga Street now have new roofs and fascia. The environmental abatement is progressing smoothly and is expected to be completed this week. The contractor has begun to paint some areas of the buildings. The new building color, along with the new roofs, is quickly transforming the complexes. New windows, fencing, rain gutters, and lighting are scheduled to occur next.

- Construction crews began work this week for the Carlton Street Improvement Project. Carlton Street, south of Mission Boulevard, east of Monte Vista Avenue, was annexed into the City a few years ago. Unfortunately, none of the pavement could be salvaged. Lack of maintenance prior to the annexation left the street in an extremely poor condition.

Street improvements include a new sewer mainline and laterals; curbs, gutters, and sidewalks; pedestrian ramps; new asphalt pavement; and street lighting.

The City received 12 bid proposals for the project ranging from \$160,484 to \$278,460. Gentry Brothers, Inc. was the lowest of the 12 bids received and was deemed the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the project. Gentry Brothers, Inc. constructed several phases of the Mission Boulevard Corridor Improvements and other projects for the City as well. Its past experience and knowledge of City standards should prove valuable for a speedy completion. By the contract, work is expected to be complete by June 19, 2012.

Funding for the Carlton Street Improvement Project is mostly through the federal Community Development Block Grant with a small contribution from Measure I.

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*"Speak when you are angry and you will  
make the best speech you'll ever regret."  
~ Laurence J. Peter*

# MAY 2012



02	Community Action Committee Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
07	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
09	Benefits Information Day Montclair Community Center Auditorium	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
<b>13</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b>	
14	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
17	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
17	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
21	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
21	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
<b>28</b>	<b>Memorial Day – City Offices Closed</b>	
29	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

# 2012 Golden Follies





# Volunteer Recognition Dinner

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April 24, 2012