



CITY OF MONTCLAIR

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT: April 27-May 3, 2012

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- *Public Service Announcement:* Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) has announced effective May 2, 2012, travelers flying into and out of Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport (ONT) can connect to Wi-Fi high speed internet access throughout Terminals 2 and 4. The new service, designed to enhance the flight experience for tech savvy travelers, will allow anyone waiting at the airport with a laptop, personal digital assistant, or other wireless device that has internet capabilities the ability to connect for free for up to two hours each business day.

There are five simple steps to access ONT Wi-Fi:

1. Connect to the ONT Passenger Wi-Fi system using the SSID of "ONT-Wi-Fi"
2. Launch a web browser
3. Accept the Terms and Conditions and register with the ONT Wi-Fi service using your e-mail address and cell phone number
4. Retrieve the password sent to your smart phone via text message or e-mail
5. Click "Sign In" and enter the e-mail address you registered with and the password received, and click "Login" to start your internet access.

ONT is a medium-hub, full-service airport featuring approximately 114 daily flights offered by 7 air carriers, commercial jet service to 15 major U.S. cities, and through service to many international destinations.

- Credit rating agency Standard & Poor's raised new concerns about California's fiscal health earlier this week after State Controller John Chiang reported income tax revenues fell well below April 2012 estimates, and a Superior Court Judge ruled Chiang cannot withhold legislative pay based on budget quality.

In its review, Standard & Poor's said the two developments may combine to weaken California's prospects for further improvement in its fiscal structure. California currently has an A- credit rating from Standard & Poor's—the worst-in-the-nation.

California's April projection for personal income tax revenues was off by nearly \$2 billion—April is the state's biggest collection month, according to State Controller Chiang. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) further soured the state's fiscal outlook by reporting California is currently \$3.5 billion behind on collection forecasts for both personal and corporate income taxes.

More troubling to Standard & Poor's analysts was the decision by a Sacramento Superior Court judge in favor of state lawmakers who alleged Chiang violated the state constitution last summer when he withheld their pay for 12 days for submitting a budget he considered out of balance. The judge ruled Chiang had overstepped his bounds, and the Legislature has broad authority to determine for itself when a budget is balanced. Standard & Poor's announced the ruling could open the door for further legislative abuse of budget maneuvers designed to be politically expedient but fiscally unreliable when used to address deficit solutions. When coupled with reluctance among legislators to make difficult spending cuts, analysts for Standard & Poor's predicted California is at risk of a less structurally balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

- Today, the Montclair City Family bids farewell to retiring Department Secretary Kathy Dalton. Kathy began her City career in September 1995 when hired to work as a Police Records Specialist. During her service in the Police Department, Kathy distinguished herself as an exceptional employee, and was routinely designated Acting Records Supervisor during absences of the Records Supervisor. In January 2004, Kathy successfully competed for the position of Administrative Specialist in the Administrative Services Department and was promoted to Department Secretary in March 2011.

Kathy and her husband, Richard, recently moved from their beautiful home in Chino Hills to Beaumont where they had planned to retire in regal splendor. They have since reconsidered this choice and plan to relocate to a more temperate location that brings them closer to family.

Kathy is the proud mother of three daughters and five grandchildren. In retirement, Kathy and her husband plan to do some minor travelling; but their main effort will be directed toward spending valuable time with their beautiful grandchildren.

Kathy's departure leaves a significant blind spot in the City Manager's Office; but we do not begrudge her decision to retire. It is an exit well-deserved, and one that we hope will bring her many new opportunities, amazing challenges, restful mornings, and a bounty of relaxation.

Kathy, we wish you good luck, God speed, and the hope that you will always find a gentle wind at your back, the warmth of sunshine on your face, gentle hills to roam, and a happy place to seek rest, comfort, and pleasure.

Thank you for your dedicated and exceptional service to the City of Montclair.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- In response to a tip from Public Works staff, Code Enforcement Officer Robert Hargett made contact with an individual who was illegally attaching "Teen Jobs" flyers to utility poles in the vicinity of Central Avenue and Orchard Street. Montclair Police arrived on scene and discovered a knife in the individual's possession and also that he was on probation, so he was arrested. Subsequent to the arrest, Public Works and Community Development staff removed an estimated 200 of the illegally posted signs throughout the City.
- On Saturday April 28, Code Enforcement staff conducted a cleanup at a single-family residence at 9868 Kimberly Avenue. Pastor Marc Anthony from Abiding Love Church in Montclair brought an enthusiastic crew of about two dozen workers who cleared overgrown vegetation; removed a failing block pilaster/wrought iron fence along the public sidewalk; replaced rotted fascia boards; removed trash and debris from the property; and painted a garage door, wood trim, wrought iron railing, and a small shed for the elderly resident. In addition, Pastor Anthony purchased plastic sheeting and several bags of mulch for the front yard planter areas to minimize weed growth and also supplied a number of small shrubs to enhance the yard's appearance.

By early afternoon, the property had a new, improved look, much to the appreciation of the resident. A photo collage of the property before, during, and after appears on Page 5.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- The Montclair Police Department partnered with the Upland Police Department to participate in the 28th Annual Baker to Vegas Relay held over the weekend of April 21-22. The race is broken down into 20 legs that average anywhere from 4 to 9 miles per leg, totaling 120 miles of extreme terrain and temperature changes. It generally takes between 14 and 22 hours for a team to complete the entire course. Every team uses a vehicle to follow each runner along the various legs of the race. This requires a follow vehicle crew, which includes alternate runners and a multitude of supplies. Additionally, each of the 20 runners must be shuttled at a specific time to the beginning of their leg of the race. There must also be a designated "catcher" for the runner at the culmination of each leg.

Two hundred and seventy teams participated with the first group starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday. The air temperature was 110 degrees when the race began, with the asphalt temperature reaching 150 degrees! Runners who completed their legs during daytime hours routinely complained about how their feet were burning from the hot asphalt. Many runners from other teams succumbed to the blazing heat and had to be transported to a hospital by ambulance from the race course.

The Montclair-Upland Police team began the race at noon on Saturday, which was near the hottest part of the day. However, the team was able to endure the entire race without using an alternate runner. One runner from the team refused to quit despite the heat and poured water on his burning feet in order to keep running. Overall, the Montclair-Upland Police team finished 209th out of the 270 teams that started, finishing the entire race with a time of 19:51:29.

Congratulations to all of the runners and the support personnel who participated in this arduous race. A special thank you goes out to Officer Ben Cypher who was a main contributor in organizing the team's participation, as well as a runner in the race.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Last month probationary Firefighters Narek Babayan and Michael Matheson completed their second trimester probationary periods. Both passed a written exam and manipulative exercise and now move into their last trimester of probation.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- Recently a filter alarm activated at the Police Department's firing range, signaling the need for nine new HEPA filters. After the Police Department received a quote of \$5,985 from the manufacturer, Captain Mike deMoet contacted Facilities and Grounds Superintendent Mike McGehee to determine if he could get a better price for the filters through a local vendor. It turned out the City was able to save nearly \$3,000 by purchasing the filters locally.

The HEPA filters in the firing range ventilation system contain the lead that is a byproduct of some of the ammunition. Once the new filters are installed, the old filters will need to be treated as hazardous waste and disposed of accordingly, which can cost anywhere from \$500 to \$3,000. This is the first replacement of the firing range HEPA filters.

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*"We never know the love of the parent until
we become parents ourselves."
~ Henry Ward Beecher*

MAY 2012



07	City Council Workshop – Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) Update Council Chambers	5:45 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.
13	Mother's Day	
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.
28	Memorial Day – City Offices Closed	
28	Memorial Day Program City Hall Memorial Garden	6:00 p.m.
29	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.

9868 Kimberly Avenue clean-up



During



After