



CITY OF MONTCLAIR

**Montclair Civic Center
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May 31, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT: May 25-31, 2012

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

- On Monday, I attended the Community Action Committee's Annual Memorial Day Program with Mayor Paul Eaton, Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft, and Council Members John Dutrey and Bill Ruh. Also in attendance were Senator Gloria Negrete McLeod, Assembly Member Norma Torres, and County Supervisor Gary Ovitt.

Held at City Hall's Memorial Garden, approximately 175 people attended the service which included the dedication of three new plaques on the Veterans' Memorial which pays tribute to deceased Montclair veterans whose families have purchased bronze plaques. The event also included a special display of military items from the Planes of Fame Museum in Chino.

Special thanks to Information Technology Division staff, the Montclair High School JROTC, Public Works Department staff, and the Montclair Walker's Choral Group.

Photos are featured on Page 9.

➤ ***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT***

- Community Development staff received information this week that the vacant, 2.11-acre lot immediately west of Bowlum on Holt Boulevard is in escrow with a buyer interested in constructing an affordable housing development. While the subject site has been identified in the past as a potential site for such a project, staff has had no discussions with the prospective purchaser.

- Over the past month, Planning staff and the Development Review Committee (DRC) reviewed a conceptual proposal to construct a speculative 103,000 square-foot warehousing/distribution building on a vacant, 5-acre lot on the north side of Arrow Highway just east of Central Avenue. DRC members generally agreed the proposed building was inconsistent with the scale and character of existing development surrounding it. Staff's position was subsequently communicated to the prospective developer.

Last weekend, staff was notified the developer decided to withdraw the proposal as he did not want to move forward on a project that did not have staff's support. Staff was contacted this week by another developer interested in the site. A meeting has been scheduled for next week to discuss development of the property.

- Representatives from Planning, Building, Public Works, and Fire will meet next week with the architect and development team working on the long-planned expansion of Metro Honda. Over the past several years, the local dealer has had periodic discussions with the parent company about the expansion. In 2007, the Planning Commission approved a proposal to expand the Honda showroom and service department and construct a freestanding quick lube/car wash facility. The latter component of the approval was subsequently constructed, but the showroom/service department expansion was placed on hold because of economic considerations.

Several weeks ago, Community Development and Redevelopment staff and I met with Metro Honda owners John and Howard Hawkins to review conceptual plans for the expansion. The Hawkins' are also exploring additional alternatives to intensify and enhance activity on their side of the Metro Motorplex, including constructing a new facility for a to-be-determined manufacturer and re-purposing and/or renovating the existing Acura facility and used car building.

- Staff was notified this week that GLJ Partners, developer of the 385-unit Paseos project, expects to close its construction loan in the next few weeks and begin preliminary construction on the 15-acre site at Monte Vista Avenue and Moreno Street in late June.
- Last Thursday, the Senior Center held a dermatology presentation with guest speaker, Dr. Laurie Woll. With more than 60 seniors in attendance, Dr. Woll discussed the importance of protecting yourself from the sun. Her PowerPoint presentation showed the difference between a malignant and benign skin growth, using the ABCDE melanoma skin chart.

After the presentation, Dr. Woll joked with the seniors and said they are all now self-proclaimed dermatologists because of what they learned.

A picture collage that includes a melanoma skin chart is featured on Page 8.

- Yesterday the Montclair Senior Nutrition Program held its monthly birthday party at the Community Center. Themed as a Mother's Day celebration, the party was attended by more than 250 seniors, including many of their children. A photo booth was set up and every female had their picture taken. Everyone enjoyed games and a contest to see who had the most grandchildren. Would you believe the contest winner has 53 grandchildren? The newest grandchild was born just last week.

A delicious lunch was served, plus cake and ice cream for dessert. They were treated to musical performances by the Lady of Lourdes Church Children's Choir and Montclair's own Junior Intern, Jetske Warren.

A photo collage of the party is included on Page 7.

- The Montclair Youth Center concluded a busy month with the last day of school on May 23. Highlighted activities included the Montclair Youth Center's end of school year dance on Friday, May 11. Attended by more than 30 Montclair youth, the luau-themed dance included live music by volunteer DJ Anton Sihotang; hamburgers and hot dogs; a photo booth; games and prizes; and glow in the dark wristbands.

Another popular activity was a fieldtrip on Friday, May 18 to a local movie theater to see *Battleship*.

Youth Center participants are looking forward to the new summer program, which started yesterday and will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. through August 3.

- Don't miss Saturday's big event—the Family Fun Festival! The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park.

This year's event, "Bringing Spirit to Montclair," will feature live entertainment from a D.J, the crowd favorite Disc Dogs, a BMX demonstration, new carnival rides and games for the kids with \$5 unlimited wristbands, pony rides, a skateboarding competition, and the popular Splash Pad. Food vendors will be selling Mexican food, pizza, sausages, sweet treats, roasted corn, hot dogs, snow cones, and much more.

See you there, and don't forget your free food item coupon that was attached to last week's paychecks!

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- On Saturday, May 26 just before 1 p.m., Police Officers responded to a major traffic collision at the intersection of Central Avenue and Palo Verde Street. Four vehicles were involved.

Due to the severity of injuries, the Police Department's Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) was called to the scene to take over the investigation. MAIT officers (Megan Stafford and Rob Pipersky and Sergeant Brandon Kumanski) pieced together evidence for several hours using Sokkia Total Station surveying equipment to document the accident scene and map the location of evidence with ARAS360 specialized computer software.

Montclair Firefighters had to extricate several trapped people from two of the vehicles using the Jaws of Life. Paramedics were able to stabilize all of the injured parties. The driver of the primary vehicle sustained the most serious injuries and was airlifted to Loma Linda Trauma Center where he remains unconscious in serious, but stable, condition.

➤ ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

- On Tuesday, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) responders from 23 cities and towns within the San Bernardino County Operational Area (OA) and OA EOC responders engaged in a tabletop exercise as part of the 2012 San Bernardino County OA Golden Guardian Exercise Series. EOC responders from Montclair were Assistant Planner Silvia Gutierrez, City Planner Mike Diaz, Fire Division Chief Patrick McCutcheon, Police Captain Mike deMoet, Police Records Supervisor Susan Hackley, Secretary Angelic Bird, and Senior Accountant Michael Piotrowski.

The Golden Guardian Exercise Program is a statewide all-hazards preparedness program conceived by the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA). Exercises such as the Golden Guardian series reinforce positive agency collaboration and serve as an awareness tool for emergency management personnel to explore their capabilities to respond to and recover from potential man-made and natural disasters.

The tabletop exercise explored how local jurisdiction EOC responders and OA EOC responders collaborated to manage and coordinate response activities within the OA as a result of a simulated 7.8 earthquake on the southern section of the San Andreas Fault.

The following three objectives were addressed during the exercise:

- ✓ EOC Management: Participants discussed EOC activation procedures, EOC staffing, operational periods, and EOC policy considerations
- ✓ Information Sharing: Participants developed a process for gathering information necessary to complete an Initial City/Town Status Report within two hours of EOC activation

- ✓ Resource Management: Participants explored existing sources of local resources, brainstormed criteria for rating multiple incidents, and applied the criteria to three incidents contained within the scenario to determine a method for allocating limited resources.

A special "thank you" goes to the exercise design team, which consisted of representatives from the San Bernardino County Fire Department Office of Emergency Services and emergency managers from cities within the San Bernardino OA (including our very own Secretary Angelic Bird) for developing this exercise. Our appreciation also goes to Nick Lowe, Cal EMA Senior Exercise Planner, for facilitating the exercise, and Loma Linda University for hosting the event.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- The Canoga Street Apartments Construction Project continues to progress smoothly. The project was begun last month and is nearing completion. The comprehensive exterior renovation of the Montclair Housing Corporation-owned Canoga Street Apartments (32 units) includes new roofs, installation of energy-efficient windows, stucco abatement and repair, new rain gutters, and new paint. Replacement of the 50-year-old windows has made the greatest impact to both the tenants' comfort and the building's appearance.

The construction project should be completed in mid-June.

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"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

~ Martha Washington

JUNE 2012



2	Family Fun Festival Alma Hofman Park	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
4	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
11	Community Action Committee Interviews City Manager's Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
11	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
12	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Manager's Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
12	Preliminary Budget Review Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
13	Oversight Board Meeting Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
17	Father's Day	
18	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Manager's Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
18	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
20	First Day of Summer	
21	Safety Committee Meeting City Manager's Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
21	Public Works Committee Meeting City Manager's Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
25	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
26	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Manager's Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
27	Patton v. City of Montclair Appeal Hearing Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.

Montclair Senior Center's Birthday Celebration



May 30, 2012

Senior Center Presentation “Dermatologist in the House”



Melanoma Skin Cancer Signs

A- Asymmetry:

Normal moles or freckles are completely symmetrical.

If you were to draw a line through a normal spot, you would have two symmetrical halves. In cases of skin cancer, spots will not look the same on both sides.

B- Border:

A mole or spot with blurry and/or jagged edges.

C- Color:

A mole that is more than one hue is suspicious and needs to be evaluated by a doctor. Normal spots are usually one color. This can include lightening or darkening of the mole.

D- Diameter:

If it is larger than a pencil eraser (about 1/4 inch or 6mm), it needs to be examined by a doctor. This includes areas that do not have any other abnormalities (color, border, asymmetry).

E- Elevation

Elevation means the mole is raised above the surface and has an uneven surface.



2012 Memorial Day Program



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