

CITY OF MONTCLAIR

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June 14, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT: June 8-14, 2012

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

- I am disappointed to report the draft updated Expenditure Plan just released by Metro does not demonstrate adequate funding to complete the Metro Gold Line extension from Pasadena to Claremont. Instead, Metro shifted funding to other projects, including the following:
 - ✓ \$1.65 billion was added for the I-405 Corridor
 - ✓ Nearly \$1 billion was added for the Westside Subway
 - ✓ \$500 million was added for the West Santa Ana Branch Corridor
 - ✓ Just under \$200 million was added for the Gold Line Eastside Extension

The updated Expenditure Plan is mandated by AB 1446—the proposed permanent extension of Measure R to fund transportation projects in Los Angeles County. AB1446 requires that the new Expenditure Plan include updated total cost estimates for the completion of each Measure R project.

Despite the fact that the Construction Authority submitted an expenditure plan for the project defined in Measure R (Pasadena to Claremont), Metro apparently ignored both the statutory definition of the project as well as its estimated total cost of completion. The cost estimate has not been adjusted beyond what has been assumed for the last few years, and is not sufficient to complete the Gold Line extension from Pasadena to Claremont.

AB 1600, currently before the Legislature, would extend the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority's light rail project to include the City of Montclair. The bill also adds Montclair to the list of "extension cities" for purposes of board membership for the Authority. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has responsibility for operating all completed phases of the Gold Line, including the portion extending into San Bernardino County and terminating at the Montclair Transit Center, subject to approval of the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Board of Directors. SANBAG must enter into an operations and maintenance agreement with LACMTA; agree to reimburse LACMTA for the costs of operating that portion of the line located in San Bernardino County; and enter into a construction agreement with the Construction Authority for that portion of the project extending into Montclair.

Metro's updated Expenditure Plan identifies \$17.3 billion in transit capital projects and purportedly outlines their overall funding strategy to complete the projects (as Metro defines them). The strategy includes the amount Metro plans to commit locally to each project, as well as the amount they will seek from other sources—including the federal and state governments.

While other counties are seeking closer to 50 percent federal funding for transit capital projects, Metro is assuming very little federal funding. Over the next three decades, Metro assumes \$4.4 billion from the federal government, of which \$2 billion is unallocated and identified as contingency. This total is equivalent to just over 25 percent of the total local amount being raised by Measure R during that period. Meanwhile, nearly all direct federal funding being sought is for the Westside Subway and Regional Connector projects.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- The Mini School program held its end of the year promotion ceremonies at the Community Center this week. Yesterday and today, each graduating class of 36 students performed for their family members the Pledge of Allegiance and songs they learned throughout the spring class session. Students received t-shirts that listed the names of their classmates and teachers.
- Yesterday the Senior Center held a "Planning Ahead" presentation courtesy of Draper Mortuary in Ontario. The seniors each received a "Five Wishes" brochure which, when completed, will list information their loved ones will need to know when making their final arrangements.

Several seniors stated that they had never planned or made final arrangements for a loved one before and were happy to be enlightened.

Senior Center staff received positive feedback and appreciation from participants for keeping them informed on so many issues.

Door prizes and freshly baked cookies were provided by Draper Mortuary.

See the photos on Page 6.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- For a police officer, it's no easy feat to do your job and still be well-liked by teenagers—unless you are Officer David Taylor. Apparently the students (and faculty) at Montclair High School are very fond of the Department's Safety School Zone Officer—so much so that the yearbook staff proudly dedicated the high school's 2011-12 yearbook to him.

Montclair High School students credit Officer Taylor for making them feel secure and confident at school. They know that he is not only there to discipline them as needed, but to help them as well. In the yearbook, the first two pages, entitled "Honor and Trust," feature Officer Taylor in various photos as well as quotes from faculty and students. A portion of one of the referenced pages is included on Page 7 of this report.

Well done, Officer Taylor!

- On June 9, Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree (DMIN). The DMIN is the highest degree obtainable in her field of study.

Vicki celebrated her achievement at a reception held at the Police Department after her graduation.

Congratulations, Vicki!

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- As the weather heats up, this can be a fun time of year for families to visit our local beaches. See Page 8 for general safety guidelines issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that will help keep us safe while visiting our coastlines this summer. These guidelines offer information on what to do if you see debris on the beach. While most of us are used to seeing a few bottles or cans, you may also see some unusual forms of debris that have made their way to our coast as a result of the tsunami that occurred in Japan more than a year ago.

If you see debris on the beach, always use common sense and follow general safety guidelines. It is important to remember not all debris found on U.S. shorelines is from Japan, so please use discretion when reporting items.

For additional information, please visit www.marinedebris.noaa.gov.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- Since opening a little over a year and a half ago, the patios and grounds surrounding the Senior Center have been plagued by trespassers during nonoperating hours and there has been a recent increase in vandalism in the courtyard and patio areas. They are entering the secured areas by climbing over and under fences and gates. Vandals have damaged several of the water fountains, the two barbeque units, and covered walls and windows with graffiti.

In an attempt to eliminate these occurrences, the City has hired a contractor to modify the existing fencing. Improvements will include self-closing gates and additional iron work to raise the height of the fences. Work is expected to be complete by August 1.

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"My father always told me, 'Find a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life.'"

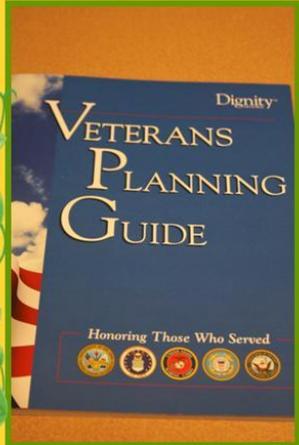
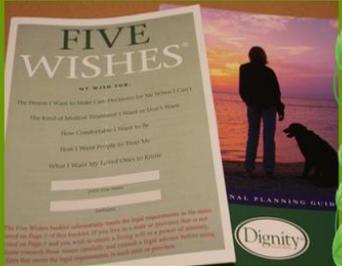
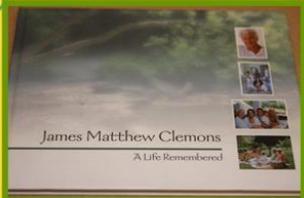
~ Jim Fox

JUNE 2012



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.
19	Community Action Committee Interviews City Manager's Conference Room	6:00 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.

Senior Center Presentation “Planning Ahead”



Honor and Trust

By.Wandolyn Guzman

re you dedicated? An officer is an honorable person, devoted to their city, state, and country. When it comes to Officer Dave Taylor, the yearbook staff is proud to present this years 2011-2012 yearbook to him. Officer Taylor committed himself to both his job and the students in this school. Many staff members who knew him said he is a disciplined, hardworking man. The scholars who required help with individual concerns about school or college could get help from Officer Taylor if requested.

Having a secure school made students confident and fearless in their everyday lives. It wasn't difficult for the yearbook staff to find people who knew and appreciated our school's officer. "Officer Taylor is a great man, and he gives good advice," said Esteban Barrios. Students should remember that Officer Taylor was not only here to discipline them, he was here to help them as well. Thank you for all you've done Officer Dave Taylor.



Officer Taylor dutifully answers a call of duty. On a normal day, he was called throughout the school to protect the school from vandalism and disorder. He also had to counteract students making inappropriate decisions.

Japan Tsunami Marine Debris

What to do if you see debris



GUIDELINES BY DEBRIS TYPE

General Guidance

Be safe: Use common sense and follow general safety guidelines. If you don't know what an item is, don't touch it. If it appears hazardous, contact appropriate authorities.

Marine debris items or significant accumulations potentially related to the tsunami can be reported to DisasterDebris@noaa.gov with as much information as possible (including its location, the date and time you found it, photos, and any relevant descriptions). It is important to remember that not all debris found on U.S. shorelines is from Japan, so please use your discretion when reporting items.

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For more information, please visit:
www.marinedebris.noaa.gov



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Litter and other typical marine debris items

Examples: Plastic bottles, aluminum cans, buoys, Styrofoam
Common marine debris types may vary by location. If practical, we encourage you to remove the debris and recycle as much of it as possible.

Potential hazardous materials (HAZMAT)

Examples: Oil or chemical drums, gas cans, propane tanks
Contact your local authorities (a 911 call), state environmental health agency, and the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 to report the item with as much information as possible. Do not touch the item or attempt to move it.
Do not contact DisasterDebris@noaa.gov for response assistance.

Derelict vessel or other large debris item

Examples: Adrift fishing boat, shipping containers
Contact your local authorities (a 911 call) and state environmental health agency to report the item. If the debris item is a hazard to navigation, contact the US Coast Guard Pacific Area Command at 510-437-3701 for assistance. Do not attempt to move or remove vessels.

Mementos or possessions

Examples: Items with unique identifiers, names, or markings
If an item can 1) be traced back to an individual or group and 2) has personal or monetary value, it should be reported to DisasterDebris@noaa.gov. NOAA will work with local Japan consulates to determine if they can help return the item to Japan.

Remains

It is highly unlikely that remains from the tsunami will reach the United States, but if you see human remains anywhere, contact local authorities (a 911 call) and report what you observed. Do not touch or attempt to move them.

Unknown item

If you don't know what it is, don't touch it. If you believe it is a hazardous item, contact local authorities and report it.