



CITY OF MONTCLAIR

Montclair Civic Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763

October 4, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: September 28–October 4, 2012

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Over the weekend, state bludgeoning of municipal governments continued when Governor Brown vetoed various bills that would have provided local governments tools for economic development, including every bill related to economic development powers under Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs). The proposed bills were designed to reform IFDs by eliminating a number of cumbersome components in existing law. As proposed under the package of bills, IFDs were also to serve as the successor economic tool replacing the former community redevelopment agencies. Last year, Brown signed ABX1 26, a bill that abolished community redevelopment agencies effective February 1, 2012.

SB 214, the primary IFD initiative discussed last month in the *City Manager's Weekly Report*, was viewed as the most favorable of the three bills sent to the Governor. The bill would have removed the existing vote thresholds; authorized rehabilitation and maintenance; and would have made numerous other changes focused on making IFDs more flexible for cities.

In his veto message, the governor called such legislation "premature" because the winding down of redevelopment is not complete and he does not want to "prevent the state from achieving the General Fund savings assumed in this year's budget." Brown appears to suggest cities should sit tight instead of "focusing their efforts on using new tools."

The Governor's reasoning ignores new data released by the state last week indicating anticipated revenue from the dissolution of redevelopment has fallen way short of legislative and executive expectations; in fact, only about one-third of funds the state expected to receive have been collected—low receipts were projected by the Legislative Analyst's Office at the time redevelopment was abolished.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- Save the date for the 2012 Candidates' Forum, to be held Wednesday, October 17 at 7 p.m. (location to be determined). Presented by the Montclair Community Action Committee and the Montclair Chamber of Commerce, the Forum will provide a setting for Montclair residents to pose written questions to the candidates regarding civic-related duties.

Council candidates invited to participate are incumbents J. John Dutrey and Carolyn Raft; and challengers Richard Beltran, Sean Brunske, and Philip Ruiz. Montclair residents are encouraged to attend.

The Forum will be videotaped and broadcast on Montclair Channel 3 on various dates prior to the November 6 election.

Questions regarding the Candidates' Forum should be directed to Assistant Director of Human Services Marcia Richter at (909) 625-9453.

- The Youth Center (MYC) was a hubbub of activity last month with a daily average of 70 students from Montclair High School, Vernon Middle School, and Serrano Middle School. They marched with their classmates and teachers in a stand against bullying on September 19, and on September 26, they marched in the Montclair Day at the Fair parade.

Last Friday, MYC hosted its first dance of the 2012-13 school year. A total of 35 youth danced the night away with their friends.

Check out the photos on Page 7.

- Please reserve the dates for the following Human Services Division events:

- ✓ **Montclair Mini-School Open House—Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, Kids Station at Montclair Transcenter**

Parents can meet the Mini-School teachers and tour the Kids Station. There will be free activities for children.

- ✓ **Montclair Community Health Fair—Tuesday, October 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, Community Center**

Free health screenings will be offered, and more than 35 health and community agencies will attend. Complimentary flu shots will be given to employees from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Flu shots will also be available for Montclair employees at the Montclair Medical Clinic on Tuesday, October 23 and Tuesday, October 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

✓ **Lights on After School—Thursday, October 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Community Center**

Event showcasing the City's after school program, including representation from all 12 of the City's after school sites.

✓ **Children's Halloween Party—Wednesday, October 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Community Center**

This is a free event for children 12 years and younger. There will be games, candy, refreshments, and a costume contest.

For more information on any of these events, call (909) 625-9479.

- Come one, come all to the Montclair Youth Talent Showcase tomorrow! It begins at 6 p.m. at the Montclair Community Center and will include 13 acts.

See you there!

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- On Saturday, September 29, 2012, Division 15 Kiwanis Clubs hosted their Annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at the Bowlium on Holt Boulevard. The local Kiwanis Clubs have been involved directly with Special Olympics for 30 years, and the Saturday event had approximately 150 registered athletes.

Reserve Captain Ron Foss, Reserve Sergeant Frank Fonseca, and Reserve Officer Joe Kuskie presented the awards and medals to the athletes. This was the fourth year in a row the Reserve Officers have participated in this event; and the athletes have come to look forward to their presence each year.

It is the Reserve Officers "Commitment to Service" that makes the Montclair Police Department's Reserve Officer Program a success.

Photos are included on Pages 8-9.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- The Fire Department recently acquired a new Rescue Air Bag Lifting System for Medic Squad 151. This equipment replaced an existing system that has been in service for over 24 years. A Rescue Air Bag Lifting System utilizes pressurized air from self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) cylinders to fill Kevlar bags, which are capable of lifting objects weighing up to 20.3 tons. This versatile rescue tool is used to lift heavy objects from trapped victims.

Photos are included on Page 10.

- The Montclair Fire Department's Annual Open House and Pancake Breakfast is just one week away—be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13. This event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Fire Station No. 1, located at 8901 Monte Vista Avenue. The Montclair Fire Fighters Association will host the pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$3 per plate. Parking for attendees is available at the Police Department (located across the street from the Fire Department) at 4870 Arrow Highway.

Fire apparatus and equipment will be on display, and station tours will be offered. Fire safety information and demonstrations will be available to attendees, and various City and local service organizations will be on site. Guests may have their pictures taken with a firefighter and observe a live auto extrication demonstration.

The Open House coincides with Fire Prevention Week. The goal of this week is to stress the importance of fire safety education and to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year's theme, "Have 2 Ways Out," focuses on home emergency exit planning and having two ways out of every room.

A flier is included on Page 11.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS/SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

- This week, Public Works Department crews completed concrete construction for the new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) walkway and ramp project at the south entrance of City Hall. The original pathway exceeded maximum permissible slopes and had become lifted, cracked, and uneven due to tree roots, creating dangerous tripping hazards. In total, four trees (one dead) were removed from the project area, and tree roots were cut back in order to construct the new pathways.

Work included concrete walkways, curbs, and stairs. Handrails and fencing are expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

I would like to commend the entire Public Works Department, especially Maintenance Workers Alex Cardona and Kirk Haymore, for outstanding work on this project.

In addition to the handrails and fencing, a new landscape design is being prepared and will be implemented within the next few weeks. This work will also be performed by our Public Works Department and will include planting of new trees to replace those removed.

Before, during, and after photos are featured on Pages 12-14.

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*“Until one has loved an animal, a part of
one’s soul remains unawakened.”*

~ Anatole Francei

OCTOBER 2012



05	Youth Talent Show Montclair Community Center	6:00 p.m.
08	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
09	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
13	Fire Department Open House and Pancake Breakfast, Fire Station No. 1	8:30 a.m. - noon
13	Montclair Mini-School Open House Kids Station at Montclair Transcenter	9 a.m. - noon
15	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
15	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
16	Montclair Community Health Fair Community Center	9 a.m. - Noon
17	Candidates' Forum Location TBD	7:00 p.m.
18	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
18	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
18	Lights on After School Community Center	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
22	Planning Commission Meeting City Hall Conference Room	7:00 p.m.
31	Children's Halloween Party Community Center	5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Montclair Youth Center



September 2012



Special Olympics Bowling Tournament



Reserve Sergeant Fonseca, Reserve Officer Kuskie, and Reserve Captain Foss with young bowler



The Reserve Officers pictured with proud medal winners



**Rescue
Air Bag**

Lifting



System

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
HOSTED BY THE MONTCLAIR
FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
\$3.00 DONATION PER PERSON
DONATIONS BENEFIT A LOCAL CHARITY

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE
UNIT EXHIBIT

AUTO EXTRICATION DEMONSTRATION

FIRE APPARATUS DISPLAY

FIRE PREVENTION INFORMATION,
DISPLAYS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS

VARIOUS SERVICE/PRODUCT
VENDORS AND DISPLAYS

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS UNIT EXHIBIT

FREE PHOTOS FOR CHILDREN

STATION TOURS

MONTCLAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 13, 2012

8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

8901 MONTE VISTA AVENUE

FOR MORE INFO. CALL: (909) 447-3540

PARKING AT POLICE STATION (4870 ARROW HWY.)



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND PARAMEDIC SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

No one likes to think they will need paramedic assistance or emergency services, but each year thousands of Montclair residents call 9-1-1 for medical help. By simply subscribing to the EMS Subscription Program, you will save as much as \$387 per visit for paramedic emergency responses. It is an easy way to protect yourself, your family, and employees from the unanticipated cost of emergencies, while helping to maintain the quality of the paramedic program in the City of Montclair. For more information about this program or to download an enrollment form, please visit: <http://www.cityofmontclair.org/depts/fire/ems/program.asp>.



CITY HALL PEDESTRIAN RAMP AND PATIO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Before



During



After

