

## CITY OF MONTCLAIR

Montclair Civic Center  
5111 Benito Street  
Montclair, CA 91763

February 28, 2013

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: February 22-28, 2013

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

- In an announcement made last week, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) named Mayor Paul Eaton as the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) District 9 Regional Council Representative. In that capacity, Mayor Eaton will represent the cities of Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.

SANBAG encourages council members to contact their district representatives to share their opinions relative to SCAG activities and representation of their interests at that forum.

Congratulations, Mayor!

➤ ***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT***

- Demolition began in earnest this week on six vacant, single-family residences in the 10800 block of Pipeline Avenue. The homes, which had been under a single ownership and had been foreclosed upon by the bank, had become unmaintained and were magnets for vandalism and the homeless. Working closely for nearly a year with a broker representing Chase Bank, which had inherited responsibility for the small, 4,000 square foot parcels, Senior Code Enforcement Officer Gabe Fondario was instrumental in communicating the residences had lost their legal, non-conforming status and could not be reoccupied, thus convincing the bank there was no benefit in maintaining or repairing them.

As of today, four of the six homes slated for demolition have been leveled. The broker is attempting to acquire two additional unoccupied homes on the block and demolish those as well.

A photo of this week's demolition appears on Page 5.

- Initial demolition has also begun on two vacant commercial buildings on the east side of Central Avenue, across from Costco. Staff negotiated a deal with the property owner requiring demolition of the two structures in return for allowing the vacant portion of the lot to be used as a temporary staging yard by a local contractor performing work for Monte Vista Water District. Staff was hoping demolition would be completed by the end of February; however, work is at a standstill until Southern California Edison and The Gas Company sever utility connections to the buildings.
- On Monday evening, the Planning Commission approved an exterior remodel of the former Borders Books and Music building to accommodate Ashley Furniture. The renovation will include replacement of the signature dome at the building entrance with a contemporary, rectilinear tower, additional storefront windows on the freeway-facing side of the building, architectural projections, and a new exterior color scheme. The 41,600 square foot store is expected to open in late spring and will generate 40 to 60 new jobs.
- Yesterday, over 260 senior citizens celebrated the "month of love" at the monthly seniors' birthday party at the Community Center. They enjoyed a delicious meal with cake and ice cream for dessert.

Entertainment included a solo pianist, line dancing, and games.

A collage of photos is featured on Page 6.

## ➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- The Police Department's newest Police Officer, Jeffrey Wheeler, was welcomed on February 25. Jeffrey was sworn in to duty by Chief Keith Jones in a ceremony attended by his family members and peers.

Jeffrey graduated third in his class at Riverside County Sheriff's Academy in March 2012. In addition, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Cal Poly Pomona.

Welcome, Jeffrey, to the City of Montclair! (A photo of Officer Wheeler can be found on Page 7.)

- Eighteen members of the Montclair Police Department attended the funeral of San Bernardino County Sheriff Detective Jeremiah MacKay on Thursday, February 21. Thirty-five year old MacKay was shot and killed by former LAPD officer Christopher Dorner on February 12 in the final gun battle that took place in the San Bernardino Mountains.

The funeral procession stretched for over 13 miles from San Bernardino to the San Manuel Amphitheater in Devore, where the funeral service was held.

Photos are included on Page 8-9.

➤ ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

- An early morning residential structure fire that occurred in the 5500 block of Granada Street on February 16 caused major damage throughout the interior of the residence. Two residents were inside the house when the fire began. One resident met Fire crews at the door as the other resident remained trapped inside a bedroom. The trapped victim was quickly found by Firefighters and carried outside to safety. Both residents were transported to hospitals for treatment.

The fire is under investigation.

➤ ***PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT***

- On November 26, 2012, a Notice to Proceed was issued to Pointer Enterprises, Inc., to begin construction of the Community Center Restroom Improvement Project. The project includes construction of 3,385 square feet of men's and women's restrooms in the former Senior Center Nutrition room. The new restrooms will better serve large events such as State of the City, wedding receptions, and other bookings.

In conjunction with the restroom project, the Community Center entrances will be updated to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Improvements include new electronic sliding entry and exit doors and replacement of noncompliant door hardware and concrete walkways surrounding the building.

The \$315,000 project is fully funded by the Community Development Block Grant and is expected to be completed by April 1, 2013.

Work-in-progress photos are included on Page 11.

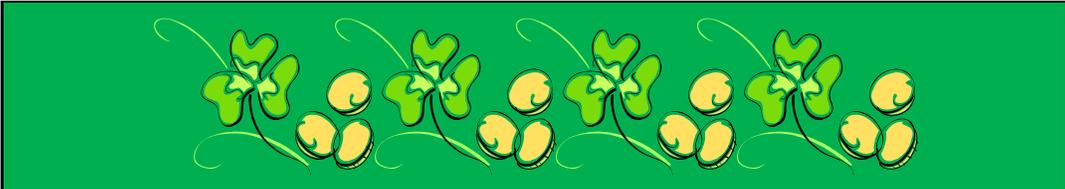
➤ **SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION**

- There is no new information to report this week.

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*"Intense love does not measure, it just gives."  
~ Mother Teresa*

## MARCH 2013



04	City Council Workshop Presentation by County Fire Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
04	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
10	Daylight Saving Time begins	2 a.m.
11	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
12	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
17	St. Patrick's Day	
18	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
18	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
20	Spring Begins	
21	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
21	2013 City-County Conference, March 21-22 Lake Arrowhead Resort	
21	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
25	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
26	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
31	Easter Sunday	

# PIPELINE AVENUE DEMOLITION



# Montclair Senior Nutrition *Valentine's Party*



**February 27, 2013**

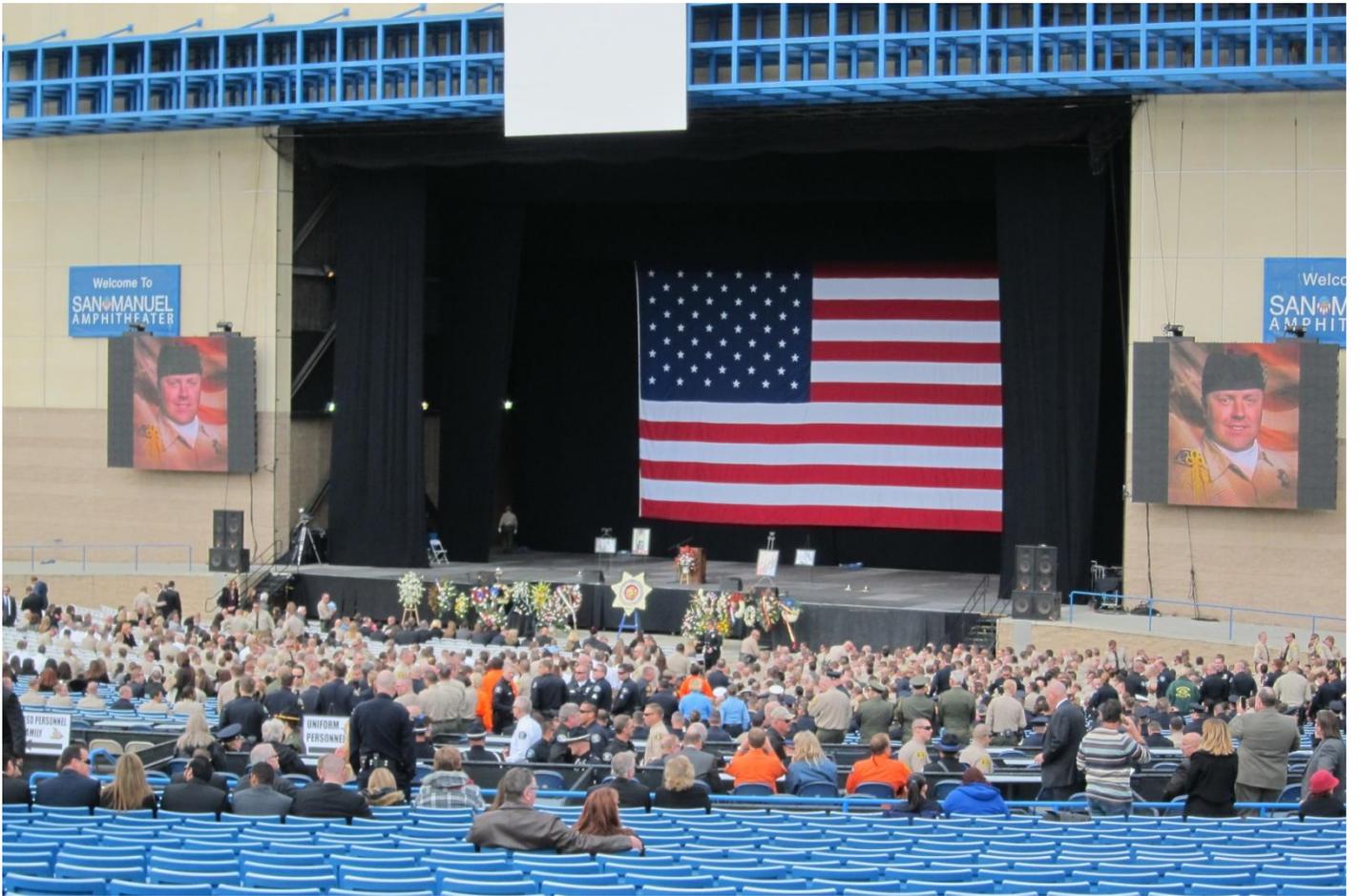
## POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW OFFICER, JEFFREY WHEATER



Pictured, from left, are: Chief Keith Jones, Officer Jeffrey Wheeler, Captain Mike deMoet, Lieutenant Robert Avels, and Lieutenant Jason Reed

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF DETECTIVE  
JEREMIAH MACKAY FUNERAL PHOTOS**





# COMMUNITY CENTER RESTROOM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

