

CITY OF MONTCLAIR

Montclair Civic Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763

May 30, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: May 24-30, 2013

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

- There are no items to report this week.

➤ ***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT***

- On Monday, May 27, I attended the Community Action Committee's Annual Memorial Day Program at City Hall's Memorial Garden. Approximately 200 people came out to honor our veterans, including Mayor Paul Eaton; Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh; and Council Members Leonard Paulitz, Carolyn Raft, and John Dutrey; Congresswoman Gloria Negrete McLeod; Assembly Member Norma Torres; and County Supervisor Gary Ovitt.

The program included the dedication of eight new plaques on the Veterans' Memorial Wall and a special display of military items from the Planes of Fames Museum in Chino.

Special thanks go to the Information Technology Division, the Public Works Department, the Montclair High School JROTC, and the Montclair Walkers Choral Group for their assistance and participation.

A photo collage is included on Page 8.

- Make sure you join us this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Alma Hofman Park for the City's Country Fair Jamboree. There will be many attractions for kids and adults alike, including carnival rides and games, a giant Ferris wheel and fiberglass slide, a DJ, a performance by a popular local country

band, pony rides, a petting zoo, a BMX demonstration, a skateboarding competition, food vendors, contests, community organizations, and much more.

Don't forget to bring your coupon for a free Tommy's cheeseburger or double cheeseburger that was attached to paychecks last week.

A schedule of events can be found on Page 7.

For more information, visit www.cityofmontclair.org/countryfairjamboree.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- On May 23, The San Bernardino County Probation Officers and other law enforcement agencies conducted a Probation and Prison Realignment Compliance Sweep. Law enforcement agencies in the Inland Empire and surrounding areas have reported an increase in vehicle thefts, graffiti, and gang-related crimes, leading authorities to target probationers with a history of these crimes.

Twenty teams of probation officers assisted by Ontario, Montclair, Chino, and Upland police officers, and San Bernardino County Sheriff Deputies, attempted to make contact with 450 probationers.

Thirty-two people were arrested and one firearm was found in possession of a probationer. Detective Steven Griffin and Officer Ronald Goble and Eric Ruziecki participated in the sweep, arrested 4 probationers, and they are credited with locating the firearm.

Through Prison Realignment, or AB 109, the supervision of lower-level offenders who would have been placed under the state parole office are now monitored by local probation departments. These offenders placed on community supervision would have been released from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Prisons.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Fire Department personnel attended wildland fire training in Fontana on May 23. The training was sponsored by the San Bernardino Fire Department and also attended by its personnel, along with engines and personnel from other West End agencies.

Captain David Pohl, Engineer Derek Holloway, and Firefighter/Paramedic Narek Babayan were instructed in four separate areas: structure defense, construction of fire line with live fire, initial attack with progressive hose lays, and starting backfires with a drip torch and flare guns.

This training was done with live fire, which allowed personnel to see how different techniques worked for extinguishing and containing the fire, and also how wind shifts can affect the rate of fire spread.

Additional Montclair Fire personnel will attend this training in the future.

Photos from the training are included on Page 9.

➤ ***PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT***

- This past Saturday, the City of Montclair celebrated its 4th season of splashing fun with the grand opening of the Splash Pad at Alma Hofman Park for the summer season. As expected, the Splash Pad equipment ran perfectly on Saturday and Sunday. Unfortunately, on Monday, as luck would have it, the equipment kept shutting down.

Facilities and Grounds Superintendent Mike McGehee was called out to the Splash Pad several times throughout the day to make repairs to the equipment to keep the Splash Pad open. In an effort to keep hundreds of park users happy, Mike did not shut down the equipment to make necessary diagnostics and repairs; instead, he rather made minor adjustments throughout the day and kept it running.

On Tuesday morning, before the Splash Pad opened for business, Mike and Building Maintenance Technician John Conley started the process of identifying the problem(s). It took just over an hour to locate and make repairs. The culprit was a chlorine injection port that had become plugged with hardened and dried chlorine. The injector was removed from the system, cleaned, inspected, and reinstalled.

Thanks, Mike and John.

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

- More than 33,000 attendees and 1,000 exhibitors were present at the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) RECon event held May 19-22 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. ICSC officials reported increased registration at this year's conference from previous years, drawing in a wide range of real estate professionals, exhibitors, and companies. City staff met with several tenant representatives for retailers and restaurants to consider site opportunities in Montclair. They also met with local brokers that represent commercial vacancies in Montclair to discuss appropriate and commercially viable tenants in an effort to reduce property vacancies. As retailers request more information about available property sites and Montclair's trade area demographics, staff will provide follow-up information and research requested by the tenant representative.

Tenant representatives were also made aware of retail, industrial, and office property opportunities in Montclair through the recent completion of the City's *Inventory of Available Properties 2013*, a publication highlighting Montclair's prominent available sites that are located in high-traffic areas, offered at below-market rents, and surrounded by high-end demographics that meet the site criteria of popular retailers and restaurants. The City's presence at ICSC events is vital and conducive toward successfully promoting Montclair's image as a business-friendly city.

Furthermore, staff met with representatives from Spinoso Real Estate Group, the new managing and leasing team overseeing Montclair Plaza. In this meeting, updated plans for a substantial exterior renovation of the mall that would renew its position as a premier regional shopping center were revisited and further discussed.

This year's ICSC RECon team included: Deputy City Manager/Executive Director of the Office of Economic Development Marilyn Staats, Director of Community Development Steve Lustro, City Planner Michael Diaz, and Economic Development Coordinator Miguel Garcia.

According to Jones Lang LaSalle, a global real estate services firm, the retail sector's outlook is positive and progressively moving toward recovery. A brief summary of the firm's *Spring Retail Forecast* report on the current retail climate is presented below:

- The slow improvement in retail real estate fundamentals reflects the glacial progress of the economic recovery; annualized gross domestic product growth averaged just 1.8 percent over the past 4 quarters, while the jobless rate stands at a disheartening 7.6 percent.
- Vacancy inched down 10 basis points to 6.7 percent in the first quarter, down 80 basis points from the cyclical peak in the first half of 2010, but well above its 10-year average.
- Strip and neighborhood shopping centers have the highest vacancy rate among property types at 10.4 percent, but are finally starting to see a turnaround, with vacancies dropping some 11 percent year-over-year for the first time since 2009. Power centers posted the largest vacancy decline, falling 60 basis points year-over-year to 5.9 percent.

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"Retirement has been a discovery of beauty for me. I never had the time before to notice the beauty of my grandkids, my wife, and the tree outside my very own front door. And, the beauty of time itself."

~ Hartman Jule

MAY 2013

		
30	Retirement Celebration for Police Chief Keith Jones Montclair Senior Center	6:00 p.m.

JUNE 2013



01	Country Fair Jamboree Alma Hofman Park	11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
03	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
10	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
11	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
12	Preliminary Budget Review Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
16	Father's Day	
17	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
20	Summer Begins	
20	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
20	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
24	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
25	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013

11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

JAMBOREE

ALMA HOFMAN PARK

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:30 a.m.	Pie Eating Contest <i>Main Stage</i>
12:00 p.m.	Farmer Dress-up Contest <i>Main Stage</i>
12:30 p.m.	BMX Demonstration <i>North Parking Lot</i>
12:30 p.m.	Bubble Gum Blowing Contest <i>Main Stage</i>
1:00 p.m.	Performance of the band Gold Rush Country <i>Main Stage</i>
2:30 p.m.	BMX Demonstration <i>North Parking Lot</i>
2:30 p.m.	Water Balloon Toss Contest <i>Main Stage</i>
3:00 p.m.	Hula Hoop Contest <i>Main Stage</i>
3:15 p.m.	Watermelon Eating Contest <i>Main Stage</i>
3:30 p.m.	Pig Calling Contest <i>Main Stage</i>





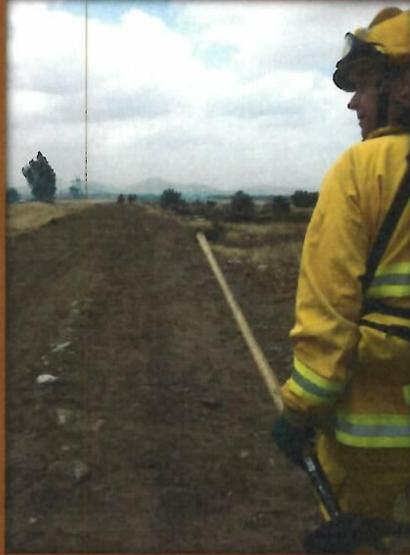
Memorial-Day-Program



May 27, 2013



Wildland Fire Training



May 23, 2013

