



CITY OF MONTCLAIR

Montclair Civic Center
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June 6, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: May 31-June 6, 2013

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Last month, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Chief Executive Officer Dr. Raymond Wolfe appeared before the Montclair City Council expressing support for the Phase 2B Gold Line extension to Montclair. SANBAG would be responsible for providing major funding for the half-mile stretch of the Gold Line between Claremont and Montclair—the estimated \$55 million price tag for extension from Claremont to Montclair would be paid for by that portion of San Bernardino's Measure I dedicated for public transit. Extension of the Gold Line within Los Angeles County is funded through Measure R.

Currently, the Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority has only approved funding to extend the Gold Line the 11.5 miles between Pasadena and Azusa; however, the Construction Authority continues to work with METRO to develop the necessary funding that would allow completion of the project to Claremont. "Measure R does provide sufficient funding to complete the advanced engineering phase to Claremont; however, completing the infrastructure to Claremont would require an additional \$950 million. The current projected schedule from Azusa to Montclair plans for a ground breaking in 2016, followed by completion of the segment to Montclair in 2021—assuming funding is secured.

Dr. Wolfe confirmed SANBAG's commitment following certification of the Final EIR for the Azusa to Montclair segment earlier this year, and in anticipation of starting the process to begin advanced engineering later in the year. Dr. Wolfe did not link SANBAG support of the Gold Line extension

to Montclair to agreement for a Gold Line terminus at Los Angeles/Ontario International Airport.

Meanwhile, the Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa project hit an important milestone last month when all 82 design packages were approved for construction. Each package went through multiple iterations as the design progressed over the last 18 months, and all required the cooperation and assistance of partner agencies. The milestone is significant and reflects the important progress being made on the project.

The Metro Gold Line has also announced it will celebrate ten years in service this month, with ridership climbing to new peaks each year. Weekday ridership is above 43,000, and monthly ridership is in excess of 1.2 million.

Also this month, the Metro Board will consider amending the Measure R Expenditure Plan to include new completion dates for project components. As currently designed, the expenditure plan does not incorporate the voter-mandated Foothill Extension Project to Claremont. Instead, it terminates the Gold Line extension at Azusa. The Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority is encouraging the Board to complete the Foothill Extension by updating the Expenditure Plan accordingly.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- The Montclair Senior Center Nutrition Program held its monthly birthday party on May 29 at the Community Center. It was a Mother's Day celebration attended by more than 250 seniors and some of their children. Attendees enjoyed a photo booth, games, and a contest to see who had the most children (the winner had seven). A delicious lunch and cake and ice cream were enjoyed by everyone. Guests were also treated to musical performances by a harmonica entertainer and a group of Hawaiian dancers. A photo collage is featured on Page 8.
- The City's inaugural Country Fair Jamboree was held this past Saturday with approximately 3,500 attendees. Community members, vendors, employees and their families enjoyed a fun day despite the blazing hot summer-like conditions! Mayor Paul Eaton, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh, Council Members Carolyn Raft and John Dutrey, and I also enjoyed ourselves and tried our best to stay cool.

The event included BMX demonstrations, returning small carnival rides, new large carnival rides, games, a petting zoo, pony rides, the Splash Pad, a skateboard competition, music from our event DJ, a performance by the country band Gold Rush Country, and lots of fair food. There were also special contests, such as pie eating, hula hooping, water balloon toss, watermelon eating, and pig calling, all of which quickly became crowd favorites.

"Thank you" to everyone who volunteered their time and resources at the event. We had over 40 volunteers, including many of our own staff. Our appreciation also goes out to Montclair Chamber of Commerce for overseeing event sponsors and over 35 vendors; the various members of different committees that planned the event; those that worked the day of the event; and those involved in behind-the-scenes work before and after the event. And the fair would not have been a success without the collaboration between our Administrative Services, Community Development, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments.

The day was captured in photos as shown in the collage on Page 9.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Montclair has a new Chief of Police—Michael deMoet. Michael deMoet is the successor to Keith Jones, who retired as Chief on May 31 after 32 years with the City.

It was my pleasure to perform the swearing-in ceremony for Chief deMoet at Monday evening's City Council meeting. The Council Chambers was nearly at full capacity as sworn and non-sworn members of the Montclair Police Department came out in support of their new leader, as did employees from other City offices and members of the community.

Mike's 8-year-old son Cole had the honor of pinning the Police Chief badge on his dad. Mike's mother, father, and one of his brothers were also present to witness this milestone in Mike's career. Also in attendance were 4th District County Supervisor Gary Ovitt and Sue Ovitt from the Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board; top brass from surrounding law enforcement agencies, including California Highway Patrol Chief Bill Siegl; San Bernardino Assistant Sheriff Ron Cochran; Claremont Police Chief Paul Cooper; Ontario Police Chief Eric Hopley; and Upland Police Chief Jeff Mendenhall.

After the swearing-in ceremony, everyone enjoyed cake in Mike's honor. Mike expressed during the ceremony how he was humbled and overwhelmed by the showing of support.

Prior to promoting to Chief, Mike was Captain for the Police Department. He has been moving up the ranks within the Montclair Police Department since 1985.

Congratulations, Mike!

- All seven Reserve Officers volunteered at the Country Fair Jamboree on June 1. They did a great job lending a police presence and mingling with members of our community. Our appreciation is extended to Reserve Captain Ron Foss, Reserve Sergeants Scott Stephenson and Frankie Fonseca, and Reserve Officers Randy Ortiz, Joe Kuskie, Keith Dow, and Nick Lopez.
- On Saturday June 1, the Montclair Police Department, in partnership with Chino, Ontario, and Upland police departments, participated in San Bernardino County's first Countywide Gun Buy Back Program. The event was held in the parking lot of Stater Bros., located on Mountain Avenue and Foothill Boulevard in Upland. The program rewarded the voluntary surrender of firearms, while engaging the community toward a common goal of reducing gun violence. The anonymous process allowed individuals to surrender their firearms with no questions asked.

In return for surrendering a firearm, citizens received Stater Bros. gift cards—\$50 for an inoperable firearm, \$100 for an operational firearm, and \$200 for an assault rifle. Once a firearm was surrendered, it became property of law enforcement and will not be returned, unless the firearms were reported stolen. In that case, the original owners/victims will be contacted to determine if they want their firearms returned. Firearms of historical value were tagged for possible evaluation by an expert, at which time they will be donated to a museum or group for public viewing.

This countywide program was a tremendous success. Our location yielded 307 firearms, 6 of which were illegal assault rifles. Included in surrendered weapons were illegal sawed-off shotguns, a fully automatic assault rifle, and a firearm which was modified to fire fully-automatic. All collected firearms will be destroyed and recycled for use in the construction of rebar.

Funding for this program was provided by California State Proposition 30, Schools and Local Public Safety Protection Act of 2012, asset forfeiture funds, and Stater Bros.

Thanks go to Detectives Michael Zerr and Ben Martin, Reserve Officer Nick Lopez, and Lieutenant Jason Reed for enduring 100+ degree temperatures for over eight hours during the program.

- On June 4, members of the Montclair Police Department participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run in support of the Special Olympics. This annual event has officers from local, state, and federal agencies carry the "Flame of Hope" throughout Southern California as part of the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Annually, more than 4,000 officers and Special Olympics athletes proudly run 1,500 miles throughout 200 communities with the torch to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics Southern California.

Sergeant Brian Ventura, a long-time loyal supporter of the Special Olympics, organizes this annual event for the Police Department. This year, Team Montclair received the torch from Chino Police Department at Phillips and Monte Vista Avenue and ran 4.5 miles before passing the torch to Ontario Police Department at Phillips and Benson Avenue.

- Keith Jones retired as the City's Chief of Police on May 31, after 32 years of excellent and loyal service. The City held a retirement party in his honor, which was attended by more than 170 people! The program included presentations (some humorous, some emotional) by Mayor Paul Eaton, Supervisor Gary Ovitt, Keith's grown children—Adam, Christopher, Matthew, and Alicia—as well as the Montclair Police Officers Association, the Reserve Officers, and the San Bernardino County Police Chiefs and Sheriff Association, and myself.

I can honestly say, I have never met a harder working— or more humble, honest, and caring— person. Keith and his wife, Carlene, can now proudly reap what they have sowed. They have a beautiful family that includes five grandchildren under the age of four to keep them busy.

Good luck, Keith, and happy trails!

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- There are no items to report this week.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

You may be wondering why the US Flags are still up after Memorial Day. Since Flag Day is in June, we leave the flags up between Memorial Day and Independence Day.

The Public Works Division raises the flags on Central Avenue and parts of Moreno Street every year for the following holidays:

- Presidents Day in February
- Memorial Day in May
- Flag Day in June

- Independence Day in July
- Veteran's Day in November

The City is proud to shows its patriotism to the United States of America!

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

- Please save the date of Wednesday, October 2, 2013, for the annual *State of the City Address*. The event will be hosted by the Montclair Chamber of Commerce. Featured will be a video presentation that will focus on economic development goals and programs essential to sustaining the City as a financially viable and livable community where residents can shop, dine, and enjoy the Montclair experience. The video will be presented, using both digital photo and video format, during the *Taste of Montclair* luncheon at the Community Center.

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"Nothing I've ever done has given me more joys and rewards than being a father to my children."

~ Bill Cosby

JUNE 2013



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	Retirement Luncheon for Pat McCutcheon, Deputy Fire Chief, Acapulco Mexican Restaurant	Noon
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.



Montclair Senior Center's Mother's Day Celebration & Birthday Party



May 29, 2013





Country Fair Jamboree



June 1, 2013

