

CITY OF MONTCLAIR

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July 18, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: July 12-18, 2013

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Assemblymember Henry T. Perea (D-Fresno) introduced legislation this past year that would ensure funding to maintain effective and efficient 9-1-1 systems, while also benefitting local governments and other public purpose programs. His bill, Assembly Bill 300 Funding Local Emergency Services (AB 300), would create a statewide point-of-sale collection for prepaid services administered by the Board of Equalization that is similar in cost to postpaid services.

Under the existing Emergency Telephone Users Surcharge Act, first enacted in 1976, telephone service providers impose a surcharge on phone bills to provide revenues to fund 9-1-1 emergency telephone system costs. These fees are collected by telephone service providers from their service customers, and then paid to either the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) or the Board of Equalization (BOE). Currently there is no statewide mechanism to collect the same fees from prepaid wireless customers that are currently collected from postpaid or contract customers. As a result, state and local governments lack reliable means for ensuring collection of these revenues.

Traditionally, carriers collect the required fees from postpaid customers by including these fees in the customer's monthly bill. This mechanism does not occur for prepaid wireless customers given that prepaid wireless customers pay for phone services prior to the services being used. As a result, prepaid wireless customers do not receive a monthly bill and, therefore, are not charged for emergency telephone costs. Roughly

80 percent of prepaid wireless services are purchased from retailers who do not collect fees for emergency telephone costs.

Prepaid wireless services have been growing rapidly during the past several years, along with the growth of voice over internet protocol (VOIP) services. Out of the 330 million U.S. wireless consumers, almost 20 percent use prepaid wireless services. The estimated growth rate of the industry is expected to increase 10 percent annually and California's share of the national prepaid wireless market is around 12 percent. Under the parameters of AB 300, prepaid wireless customers will be charged a surcharge when purchasing prepaid wireless services. This surcharge will allocate additional funds for 9-1-1 emergency services without an increased burden on phone companies. By creating a point-of-sale collection mechanism to collect the required fees from providers of prepaid wireless services, it would help create predictability and enhanced revenue for state and local governments.

Of note, in 2007, amendments were added to the Telephone Users Surcharge Act to include a surcharge for VOIP services.

Arizona, Nebraska, Utah, North Carolina and 25 other states have adopted similar measures.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- At Monday night's City Council meeting the Community Action Committee (CAC) recognized the winners of the 18th annual Home Beautification Awards. Judging of a total of 20 homes took place the first week of June. This year's finalists and winner are:

Home of Distinction

4896 El Morado Street, owned by The Mendivil family

Most Picturesque Home

9998 Rose Avenue, owned by The Guzman family

Home of the Year

9109 Mills Avenue, owned by The Castaneda family

The finalists received a framed certificate and a Target gift card (\$75 for the 2013 Home of the Year and \$50 for the other two finalists). They will also receive signage announcing their win for display in their front yards.

See photos of the winning homes on Page 8.

- On Tuesday night, Alma Hofman Park was a busy place with the performance of the band *Mariachi El Aventurera*, the third of five free concerts in the park. Comprised mostly of Montclair residents or Montclair High School graduates, the band delighted the crowd of more than

300 people with many popular mariachi songs. In the kids craft area, children made mini sombreros that they wore throughout the night. A photo collage of the concert is shown on Page 9.

Join us next week at 7 p.m. for a performance by the country band, *The Silverados*. Bring your friends and family, blankets and lawn chairs, and a picnic dinner for a fun evening in the park. The Splash Pad will remain open until 8 p.m., refreshments will be for sale, and there will be free western-themed activities for the kiddies.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- On Thursday, July 11, members of the Police Department participated in a ribbon-cutting event at the new 7-Eleven® store located on the corner of Central Avenue and Holt Boulevard. Mayor Paul Eaton presented the store owners, Peter Dahabreh and Jumana Hawateh, with a framed certificate, welcoming them to the City of Montclair. The store owners are new members of the Montclair Chamber of Commerce.

Chief Mike deMoet, Captain Robert Avels, Lieutenant Jason Reed, Crime Suppression Officer Eric Ruziecki, Officer Michael Lang, and Cadets Alan Summers and Candace Martinez welcomed attendees and distributed promotional items. Participation by the Police Department is part of its commitment to establish and maintain partnerships with the business community.



Mayor Paul Eaton at left, with Charlie Chaplin impersonator, Roman Nava (field representative to Supervisor Gary Ovitt), and store owners Peter Dahabreh and Jumana Hawateh

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- On Tuesday morning, July 16, Acting Captain Chris Jackson, Engineer Greg Poupard, and Firefighter/Paramedic Nathan Brooks responded on OES331 as part of a strike team to the Mountain Fire. This fire began Monday afternoon as a brush fire and spread rapidly through timber and chaparral in the area of Mountain Center and Idyllwild. It has burned an estimated 14,200 acres.

Highway 243 had been closed because of its proximity to the fire, but has reopened. Mandatory evacuations remain in place for Camp Ronald McDonald and the Palm Springs-area housing community of Andreas Canyon Club.

Evacuation orders were issued yesterday for the communities of Idyllwild and Fern Valley. Nearly 3,000 firefighters and 25 aircraft have the fire about 15 percent contained.

Twenty-three structures have been destroyed, including 7 residences during the first day of the fire.

So far, firefighters have defended and saved a larger number of homes than those lost.

- On Wednesday, July 10, members of the Montclair Fire Department joined over 200 other fire and police agencies to pay their respects to two of its native sons who gave their lives in the line of duty in the Yarnell Hill Fire in central Arizona. Prescott Fire Department Firefighters Kevin Woyjeck-21, and Christopher MacKenzie-20, were flown home aboard a National Guard C-130 to the Los Alamitos Air Force base for a Memorial Ramp Ceremony.

Fellow firefighters and family, as well as various fire department honor guards, along with pipes and drums, were there to honor them and pay their last respects. The fathers of both firefighters were well respected members of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and CAL FIRE.

Following the ceremony, the fallen firefighters were transported to separate locations for individual ceremonies. Kevin and Christopher have been laid to rest in their home towns, respectively, as their tour of duty has sadly ended.

Photos are included on Page 10.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- At its July 15 meeting, the Montclair City Council authorized staff to solicit bid proposals for the Northeast Montclair Street Rehabilitation Project. This project is intended to provide pavement rehabilitation in an area of the City where Monte Vista Water District recently constructed water mainline and services upgrades. The project limits are between San Jose Street on the north, Rose Avenue on the west, San Bernardino Street on the south, and Benson Avenue on the east.

Proposed improvements include removal and replacement of damaged curb, gutter, and sidewalk; replacement of non-compliant Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) pedestrian ramps; grinding of existing asphalt concrete pavement; and new asphalt concrete pavement.

Bid proposals are expected to be submitted in late August with construction beginning in September.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$480,000. Gas Tax funds are being used to pay for this project.

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

- The electrician contracted to perform the electrical upgrade to the 5444 Palo Verde Street property has begun the meticulous task of upgrading the electrical wiring and service panels at the property. Many of the walls of both the residence and studio are constructed of adobe, so great effort has been made to not disturb the adobe walls or other materials original to the structures. Aware of the uniqueness of the property, the electrician is being painstakingly precautious in completing the improvements. The work will most likely be constructed by the end of next month.

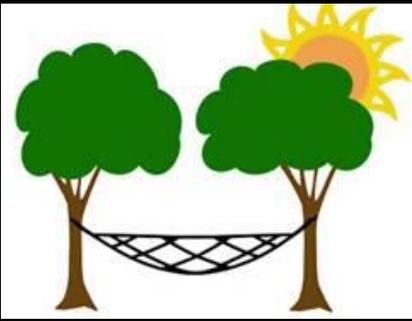
The electrical upgrade to the Montclair Housing Corporation-owned residence and accompanying design studio is one of the major components to the property's rehabilitation. A comprehensive landscape planting design incorporating much of the original planting model, with updated and low-maintenance design elements, will have the most dramatic effect to the property's rehabilitation.

The unique adobe-constructed residential property was once owned by renowned sculptor John Svenson who began construction of the home and design studio in the late 1940's.

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*"It's a cruel season that makes you get ready
for bed while it's light out."
~ Bill Watterson*

JULY 2013



18	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
22	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
23	Concert in the Park Alma Hofman Park	7:00 p.m.
30	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
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AUGUST 2013



5	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
13	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
14	Oversight Board Meeting Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
15	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
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CITY OF MONTCLAIR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



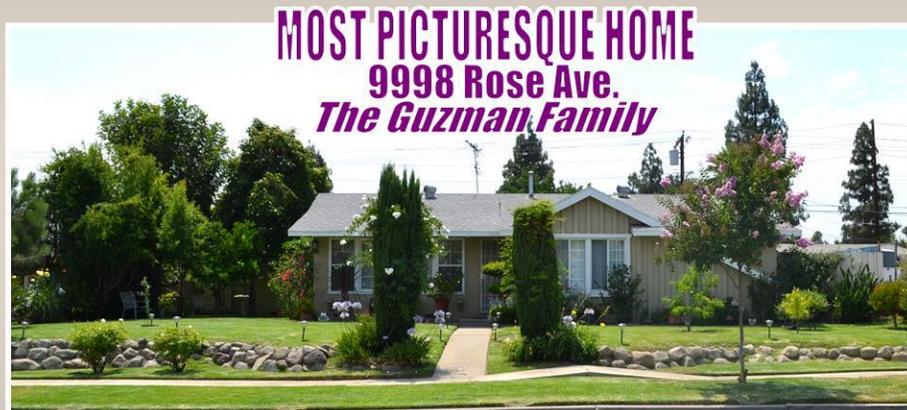
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2013 Home Beautification Award Winners



**YARNELL HILL FIRE
PRESCOTT, AZ
CALIFORNIA'S FALLEN
RETURN HOME**

