



CITY OF MONTCLAIR

Montclair Civic Center
5111 Benito Street
Montclair, CA 91763

October 3, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: September 27-October 3, 2013

➤ **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Last week, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 1359 into law, allowing cities and counties to use developer paid Quimby Act fees to provide parks in neighborhoods other than the one in which the developer's subdivision is located.

The Quimby Act has long been used by public agencies to develop parkland and recreational facilities. The fee is imposed on developers as a condition of public agency approval of a tentative map or parcel map. Public agencies were limited, however, in how the funds could be used. In particular, cities and counties were required to use the fees for parks that served the developer's proposed subdivision. AB 1359 has now lifted this limitation if certain requirements are met.

1. The neighborhood where the city or county is proposing to use the fees to provide parks must have fewer than three acres of park area per 1,000 members.
2. The neighborhood where the proposed subdivision is located must have at least three acres of park area or more per 1,000 members.
3. The city or county must hold a public hearing before using the fees in another neighborhood.

4. The city or county must find it reasonably foreseeable that the new subdivision's residents will use the park facilities in the other neighborhood.
5. And, finally, the city or county must use the fees in areas consistent with the city or county's local Quimby Act ordinance and general plan.

AB 1359 makes one other addition to the Quimby Act: it now allows a city or county to enter into a joint or shared-use agreement with one or more public districts in order to provide additional park and recreational access.

- With nearly 280 people in attendance and 14 Taste of Montclair local food vendors, State of the City held yesterday at the Community Center was enormously successful. This year's theme, "Taking Care of Business," was the topic of a video presentation that highlighted the City's accomplishments through its implementation of successful projects and programs vital to the growth of business and the quality of life for residents.

Mayor Paul Eaton introduced the 19-minute video that included Montclair's support for business growth through partnerships; the completion of public infrastructure projects; the expansion of public safety and human services programs; and delivery of major goals established for the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan. In the video, Council Members took turns discussing the following accomplishments:

Mayor Paul Eaton proudly reported that over 1,200 businesses are active in Montclair's local community, providing residents countless opportunities to shop, dine, and enjoy the Montclair experience and its abundant offerings. Despite the prolonged effects of the Great Recession, Montclair's business population has grown during the last year—clearly demonstrating the City Council is working hard to take care of business. The City Council supports the continued partnerships with the Chamber of Commerce and the County of San Bernardino to engage in educational workshops and vital economic development programs that attract and promote business growth.

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Ruh highlighted how the recovery is foremost to the City's economic growth in meeting its visionary goals for the North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan. Construction of *The Paseos*, a 385-unit upscale apartment project, is the first major residential project within the Plan's boundaries that will be instrumental in setting the stage for a positive transformation in North Montclair. As the economy continues to improve, North Montclair will be the region's

destination choice for modern living accommodations and shopping that in turn will lead to a financially viable and livable city for current and new residents.

Council Member Leonard Paulitz spotlighted the comprehensive list of services and programs offered at the Youth and Senior Centers, as both continue to expand services to better meet the needs of the City's diverse, multi-generational population. A proposed site is slated for Montclair's first community garden, a project that Council Member Paulitz personally championed over the last two years. Soon the site will transform into a community garden where residents can grow their own produce. Staff is working with local stakeholders and the Monte Vista Water District to see this project to fruition. In addition, a portion of Sunset Park is slated to become the site of an exciting, new Community Fruit Park. In collaboration with several community partners, the City plans to design and install a free Community Fruit Park that will involve the planting of at least 30 different fruit trees. The Community Fruit Park will break ground on Saturday, October 26.

Council Member Carolyn Raft focused on the City's array of public safety services that will create new opportunities for the Montclair Police Department to enhance community relations and crime prevention functions. The Department has established a new Community Relations Division to focus on community-oriented policing where Department staff will educate and address the public at various community events. The Crime Suppression Unit has been assigned to this new division, and the addition of a refined crime analysis function is planned for the future.

Council Member John Dutrey took pride in highlighting the City's efforts in providing residents a livable community due to many recently completed public infrastructure projects critical to improving transportation. The City is working toward development of a grade separation on Monte Vista Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The City has received \$15 million in grant funding for the replacement of and widening of the bridge over the railroad tracks on Central Avenue to reduce traffic congestion.

Other guest speakers included:

David Fakhoury, manager of Ashley Furniture Home Store, recounted the positive support and direction he received from City staff during the remodeling of the store and support from the Montclair Chamber of Commerce.

Isreal Miranda, owner of the popular "The Taco Man," recounted the positive support he received from City staff throughout the remodeling of his storefront, as well as support from the Montclair Chamber of Commerce as a new member.

Mary Petit, Executive of IECG, spoke positively about the implementation of the City's first Community Fruit Park.

Event dignitaries included Mayor Paul and Ginger Eaton; Council Members John Dutrey, Leonard Paulitz, and Carolyn Raft; Fourth District County Supervisor Gary Ovitt; Chaffey Joint Union High School District Board Member Sue Ovitt; and various legislative representatives.

As Master of Ceremonies, David Fakhoury welcomed attendees and introduced the dignitaries and sponsors. Dan Neale, of Nationwide Insurance and Montclair Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, presented the Chamber's Address, and Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck gave the invocation.

Attendees dined on a delicious assortment of food from Applebee's, Black Angus Steakhouse, Chili's, Costco, Dolce Café and Bakery, Elephant Bar, Farmer Boys, John's Incredible Pizza, Macaroni Grill, Magdaleno's, Red Lobster, Starbucks Coffee, The Diner, and The Taco Man.

State of the City was sponsored and produced by the City of Montclair. Other event sponsors were Montclair Chamber of Commerce; Montclair Hospital & Medical Center (Presenting Sponsor); Wells Fargo Bank (Major Sponsor); and the Headline Table Sponsors were Ben Bridge, Burrtec Waste Industries, Chaffey College, Chino Basin Water Conservation District, Cunning Dental Group, Fourth District County Supervisor Gary Ovitt, Metro Auto Group, Metro Nissan Infiniti, Montclair Hospital Medical Center, Montclair Plaza, Montclair Town Center, Monte Vista Water District, Nationwide Insurance, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Paseos at Montclair Properties, Soroptimists of Montclair/Inland Valley, Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, and Wells Fargo Bank .

Event planners were Deputy City Manager Marilyn Staats, Assistant Director of Redevelopment Christine Caldwell, Director of Human Services Marcia Richter, Economic Development Coordinator Miguel Garcia, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Darleen Curley, Public Works Superintendent Xavier Mendez, Facilities and Grounds Superintendent Mike McGehee, Information Technology Supervisor John Nguyen, and Acting Economic Development Coordinator Melinda Flores.

Audio and video services and programming were provided by Senior Information Technology Specialist Ricky Tankersley, GIS Specialist Steve Dague, Information Technology Technician Robert Castillo, and Senior Intern Travis Agajanian.

Public Works crews refurbished the Civic Center grounds and provided logistical support and traffic control.

Personnel Services Coordinator Lisa Shannon and Public Works Leadworker Chad Quidor provided excellent video narratives.

Enjoy the collage of photos on Page 9. Additional photos are available on the City's "Z" Drive: Department Shares: Redevelopment: SOC 2013 Photos.

➤ **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

- There is no new information to report this week.

➤ **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- The City received a shipment of 228 shelter cots on September 27, which were purchased with 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant funds. The cots are prepositioned at the Community Center as part of shelter operations that may be necessary following a major disaster/event. The prepositioning of these cots enhances the City's ability to mitigate the effects associated with large-scale events.

The City and the American Red Cross have designated the Community Center as an emergency shelter site to provide refuge for individuals and households while temporary housing solutions are identified.

A collective "thank-you" goes to Fire, Human Services, and Public Works staff for assisting with the unloading and storage of the shelter cots.

- In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department will host its Annual Open House and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 12. The pancake breakfast will be sponsored by the Montclair Fire Fighters Association, Montclair Hospital Medical Center, and Starbucks Coffee. The \$3 donation for breakfast will benefit local organizations.

The Open House will consist of:

- ✓ Displays by various community organizations
- ✓ Montclair Fire apparatus displays
- ✓ Tours of the station
- ✓ Activities for children
- ✓ Photos with Sparky the Fire Dog
- ✓ A balloon artist
- ✓ A burning house interactive display
- ✓ An E.D.I.T.H. (**Exit Drill In The Home**) demonstration
- ✓ A Stop, Drop, & Roll demonstration

Open House parking is available across the street at the Police Department.

- On September 27, Upland Fire Department's Medic Truck 164 was brought to Station No. 1 to familiarize Montclair Fire staff with the equipment carried on the truck. After, they proceeded to Montclair Plaza where a fire simulation was conducted at the former Macy's building. The simulation consisted of fighting a fire on the second floor by Medic Engine 152 and additional simulated units. Medic Truck 164's 100-foot aerial ladder was set up for rooftop ventilation, conducted by Medic Truck 164, Medic Squad 151, and Medic Engine 151.

This exercise gave Montclair personnel an opportunity to become familiar with specialized equipment and for both departments to work together. A collage of photos is featured on Page 10.

- On September 24-26, Southern California Edison (SCE) presented training to suppression staff on electrical hazards when responding to fires and traffic collisions. Staff was also given safety tips and a tour of the transmission lines at the SCE substation.

➤ **HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

- Complimentary flu shots will be offered at the Montclair Community Health Fair on Tuesday, October 15 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Community Center. In addition to shots, health screenings will be offered and several health and community agencies will be represented.
- Last Thursday, the Senior Center hosted a presentation by members of the Costanoan Rumsen tribe as a tribute to Native American Awareness Day. Tribal members explained rituals, ceremonial music, and customs. Also included was a brief lesson followed by a sing-along of a traditional song used to awaken a bear from hibernation.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- The Police Department hosted Court and Temporary Holding Facilities Training (jail training) on Monday in the EOC for half of its sworn personnel and reserve officers. The second half of sworn personnel will receive the training on October 10. This biennial training was facilitated by San Diego Regional Training Center and it includes the minimum jail standards, liability, inmate classification and segregation, emergency procedures, and planning and suicide.

After the eight hours of jail training, everyone received two hours of Laser Update training, presented by Detective Steven Griffin. A duplicate training scenario will also be held on October 10.

➤ **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Mel Cabang, Stops and Stations Supervisor for Omnitrans, announced earlier this week that Omnitrans would begin one of its bus shelter rehabilitation projects (repainting the shelters and benches in its service area) starting October 2. Omnitrans' service area includes Montclair.

The project is expected to take several weeks, and the bus stops will remain open during the repainting process. The areas will be coned off and caution tape will be used. In addition, "Wet Paint" signs will be posted.

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

- There is no new information to report this week.

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*"Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing."
~ Abraham Lincoln*

OCTOBER 2013



7	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
9	Oversight Board Meeting Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
14	Planning Commission Meeting - Canceled	
15	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
15	Community Health Fair Community Center	9:00 a.m. - Noon
17	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
17	The Great California Shake Out	10:17 a.m.
17	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	2:00 p.m.
21	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
21	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
28	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	2:00 p.m.
29	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
31	Halloween	



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UPLAND AND MONTCLAIR FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION

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