



July 31, 2014

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager 

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT: July 25-31, 2014

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

- Governor Brown declared a drought State of Emergency in January, calling on Californians to reduce their water use by 20 percent.

In addition, the Governor directed various state agencies, local water suppliers, and local governments to begin implementing water conservation strategies and contingency plans in order to prepare for anticipated water shortages. As drought conditions worsened, the Governor issued an Executive Order in April calling on the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to adopt and implement emergency regulations pursuant to Water Code section 1058.5.

Last week, the SWRCB adopted several regulations addressing the drought and restricting certain activities to conserve water.

The new regulations prohibit the following, except where necessary to address health and safety needs:

- ✓ The application of water to outdoor landscapes in a manner that causes runoff, such as water that flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, private and public walkways, roadways, parking lots, or structures
- ✓ The use of a hose to wash an automobile, except where the hose is fitted with a shut-off nozzle or device attached to it that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use

- ✓ The application of water to any hard surface, including but not limited to driveways, sidewalks, and asphalt
- ✓ The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water feature, except where the water is part of a recirculation system.

Violators of these prohibitions are subject to a fine up to \$500 for each day the violation occurs. Local agencies are tasked with enforcing the new regulations and the ability to determine the best course of disciplinary action.

The regulations also require water suppliers to implement their existing water shortage contingency plans and impose mandatory restrictions on outdoor irrigation.

Each urban water supplier that does not have a water shortage contingency plan, or has been notified by the Department of Water Resources that its water shortage contingency plan does not meet the requirements of Water Code section 10632, shall, within 30 days, limit outdoor irrigation by the persons it serves to no more than two days per week or shall implement another mandatory conservation measure or measures intended to achieve a comparable reduction in water consumption by the persons it serves relative to the amount consumed in 2013.

Groundwater Regulation: Legislative Proposals

Currently the extraction and use of groundwater is not regulated by the State of California. That said, local agencies are permitted, but not required, to adopt a plan to monitor and manage groundwater levels within a groundwater basin.

In order to address the ongoing draught, and to help prevent future droughts, the legislature and the Governor are proposing several regulations that would change the manner in which groundwater is regulated in the state.

Each relies upon the State Department of Water Resources and local groundwater management agencies to expand water storage capacity, improve groundwater management, and achieve groundwater sustainability.

Governor's Proposal

- ✓ Authorizes, but does not require, development of groundwater management plans
- ✓ Authorizes State Department of Water Resources after January 1, 2017, to declare a groundwater basin to be in a

condition of long-term overdraft or in a condition where groundwater extractions unreasonably affect the beneficial uses of interconnected surface waters; to establish a limit on groundwater extractions; and to adopt a groundwater management plan for that basin in lieu of local plan

- ✓ Explicit process for imposing fees for plans is included
- ✓ Authority for imposing fees on groundwater extraction and for water service included
- ✓ Cities adopting a general plan or substantial amendment to a general plan must review and revise land use, open space, and conservation elements to address adoption of groundwater management plan
- ✓ Cities adopting a general plan or substantial amendment to general plan must study anticipated effects of proposed actions on implementation of groundwater management plan
- ✓ Includes placeholder for as yet undefined LAFCO role
- ✓ Includes limitation on groundwater extraction after January 31, 2020, unless plan is adopted.

SB 1168 (Pavley)

- ✓ Requires development of groundwater management plans by basins identified as "high" or "medium" by the State Department of Water Resources
- ✓ Groundwater management plans adopted prior to January 1, 2015, must be certified by the State Department of Water Resources
- ✓ Groundwater management plans adopted pursuant to the new law must be approved by the State Department of Water Resources
- ✓ Does not include explicit process for imposing fees for plans
- ✓ Cities adopting a general plan or substantial amendments to a general plan must review and revise land use, open space, and conservation elements to address adoption of a groundwater management plan

AB 1739 (Dickinson)

- ✓ Requires development of groundwater management plans by basins identified as "high" or "medium" by the State Department of Water Resources
- ✓ Groundwater management plans adopted prior to January 1, 2014, remain in place and would not require State Department of Water Resources certification
- ✓ Groundwater management plans adopted pursuant to the new law may be validated in court action brought by groundwater management agency. No State Department of Water Resources approval required
- ✓ Explicit process for imposing fees for plans is included
- ✓ Cities adopting a general plan or substantial amendments to a general plan must review and revise land use, open space, conservation elements to address adoption of a groundwater management plan
- ✓ Cities adopting a general plan or substantial amendments to a general plan must study anticipated effect of proposed action on implementation of a groundwater management plan
- ✓ Includes limitation on groundwater extraction after January 31, 2020, unless the plan is adopted. Land use agency must certify compliance with limitation through issuance of well-drilling permit.

➤ ***HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT***

- Yesterday, the Senior Center celebrated July birthdays by throwing a big Independence Day-themed birthday bash in the Community Center. An estimated 250 seniors enjoyed a delicious lunch and cake and ice cream.

Senior Center volunteer Dee Copeland organized a photo display of senior participants and/or their children who served in the military, dating from the Civil War to the current war in Afghanistan. The Montclair Walkers Choral Group performed a variety of patriotic songs, and Nicola Martinez, a student at Our Lady of Lourdes School, sang the National Anthem. Senior Center volunteer George Messina provided a quick line-dance class, followed by some dancing.

Please see Page 9 for photos.

- On Tuesday, Senior Center Kitchen Assistant Keith Alber gave a presentation on grilling tips. With over 50 years of experience under his chef hat, it is safe to say that Keith knows how to grill. The seniors learned easy and inexpensive ways to cook on the grill, especially on hot summer days. The seniors learned to grill steak, baked potatoes, zucchini, and onions, and then sampled the food.

The Montclair Senior Citizens Club purchased all of the food for this presentation.

Please see Page 10 for photos.

- Mark your calendars to join us in the Senior Center on Tuesday, August 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. for the City's Annual All Employee Summer Bar-B-Que. The City Council and the City Manager's Department sponsor this annual event in appreciation of each employee's service. Lunch will include hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, side dishes, and a special dessert.

A flyer on Page 11 has all the details.

- On Tuesday night, 400 people—give or take a few—packed Alma Hofman Park for the final concert of the 2014 Summer Concert Series. The concert, the final of five nights of music in the park, featured an outstanding performance by the Montclair-based *Mariachi El Aventurero*.

Our appreciation is extended to the Recreation staff for selling refreshments and providing children's activities at all five concerts, and to our Reserve Officers for providing security.

Pictures are shared on Page 12.

We are already looking forward to next year's Summer Concert Series.

➤ **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- The Police Department took delivery of its Mobile Command Trailer (MCT) from Ultra Haulers of Corona. The 24-foot box trailer is equipped to provide shelter for staff at events such as community outreach; crime scene, emergency scene, and impound lot management; public education; and planned enforcement details. It can also transport a police motorcycle and provide storage for traffic control devices.

When the MCT is fitted with graphics and additional equipment in the near future, it will look much different than the unembellished version shown below:



- Prior to being put into service on a police motorcycle, Officers are required to attend and pass a rigorous two-week motorcycle training academy at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Emergency Vehicle Operations Center. The Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Michael Lang has successfully completed the motorcycle training academy.

Once the new police motorcycle is built, Officer Lang will be deployed as the Police Department's first Motor Officer in several years, at the forefront of the Department's newly established Traffic Safety Division.

Congratulations to Officer Michael Lang!

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

- According to *USA Today*, back-to-school shopping is no longer a frenzied one-day spending spree. Families are spending more, but they are doing so over a longer period of time as they search for the best deals. Families are expected to spend \$670 on average on back-to-school shopping, up 5 percent from last year. This is according to data out July 17, 2014, from the National Retail Federation and includes spending on school supplies, clothes, and electronics. But analysts and parents say the slow economic recovery, plus access to near-constant online deals, means back-to-school shopping is no longer a big event.

Many shoppers are likely spreading out their shopping, according to Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economics Advisors. Naroff said the back-to-school season is no longer limited to a single day of shopping in the middle of July or August. Just because consumers are not crowding stores in the weeks leading up to school does not mean they are not spending more. Rather, Naroff said consumers spreading out their shopping may actually end up spending more over time. "It may not be the big push that retailers really expect, but it doesn't mean consumers are not spending," Naroff says.

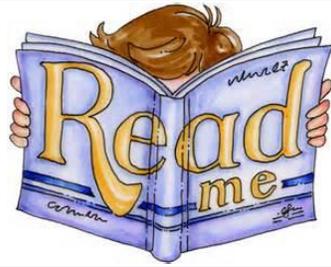
Combined spending for back-to-school is expected to reach almost \$75 billion (up 3 percent from last year).

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"Success is relative. It is what we can make of the mess we have made of things."

~ T.S. Eliot

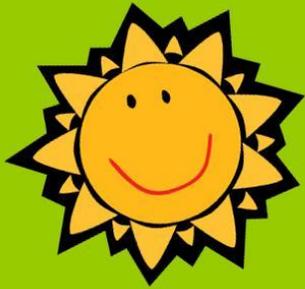
AUGUST 2014



4	City Council Workshop Council Chambers	5:45 p.m.
4	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.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.
12	Annual Montclair Summer Barbecue Montclair Senior Center	Noon - 1:30 p.m.
13	Por La Vida Graduation Council Chambers	4:00 p.m.
13	Oversight Board Meeting Council Chambers	6:00 p.m.
18	Code Enforcement Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:00 p.m.
18	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
21	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
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.

Senior Center's July Birthday Party





Senior Center Presentation



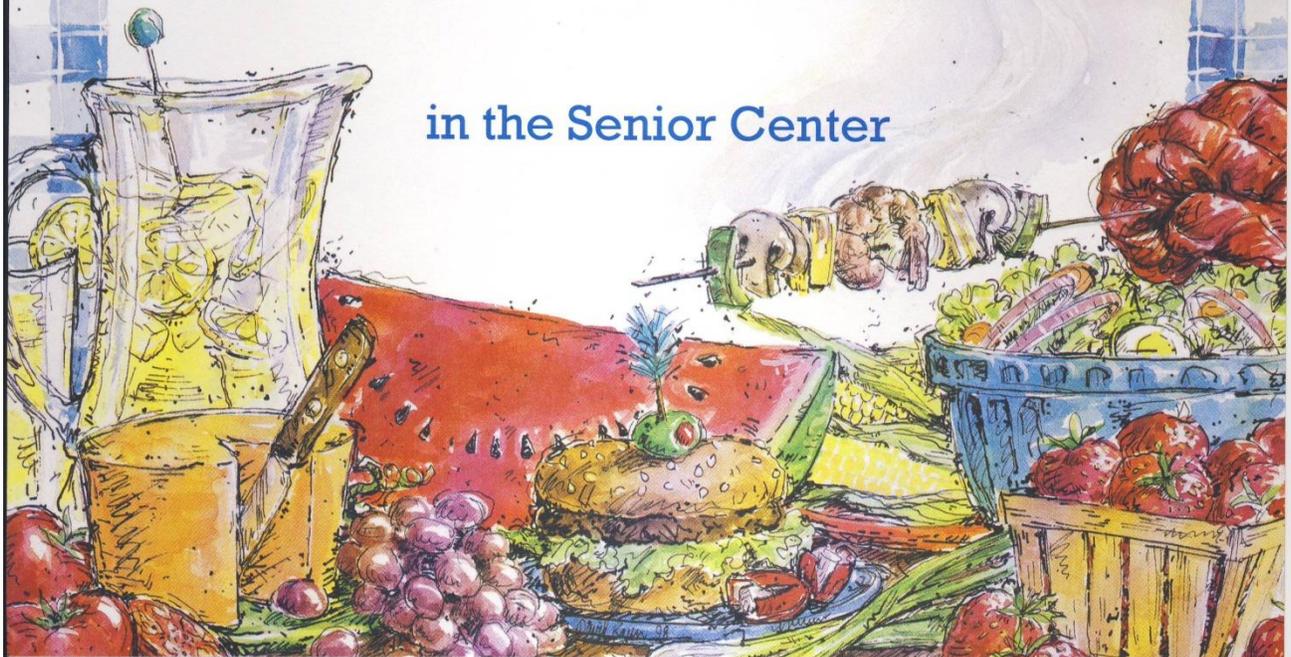
**IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE
THE CITY COUNCIL & CITY MANAGER
INVITE ALL EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND
THE ANNUAL MONTCLAIR
SUMMER BAR-B-QUE**

**Menu to include hamburgers, hot dogs,
sausages, side dishes and dessert**

Tuesday, August 12, 2014

12 noon - 1:30 p.m.

in the Senior Center





Summer Concert Series

Mariachi El Aventurero

