



May 12, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Edward C. Starr, City Manager 

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: May 6-12, 2016

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## **CITY MANAGER/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS**

- Voter Information Guides for the June 7, 2016, Presidential Primary Election began being delivered to voters' mailboxes on Tuesday, May 10. Mail ballots will be delivered to voters on the permanent mail ballot list beginning Saturday, May 14.

Inside the Voter Information Guide, voters will find a Sample Ballot, as well as information about candidates, local measures, and how primaries are conducted in California. On the back cover of the Voter Information Guide, voters will find the address of their assigned polling place. Voters are encouraged to hold on to their guide until Election Day so they can easily find their Polling Place.

Voters may also access personalized election information, including their Voter Information Guide and their assigned polling place, using the award-winning My Elections (M.E.) Gateway application by visiting the Elections Office website, [www.sbcountyelections.com](http://www.sbcountyelections.com).

Voters can still sign up to receive a mail ballot by filling out the Mail Ballot Application found on the back cover of their Voter Information Guide, by downloading an application from the Elections Office website, or by calling the Elections Office. The deadline to request a mail ballot is Tuesday, May 31. Voted mail ballots may be returned via the U.S. Postal Service, in person to any polling place on Election Day, or to one of the 57 mail ballot drop-off locations prior to Election Day. To find a mail ballot drop-off location, voters can use the Mail Ballot Drop-Off Map located on the Elections Office website at [www.sbcountyelections.com](http://www.sbcountyelections.com). A mail ballot drop-off box will be located in the main lobby of City Hall at 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, CA, 91763.

For more information about this election, visit the Elections Office website, or call (909) 387-8300.

- Earlier this week, Governor Brown issued an executive order to continue water savings as California continues to suffer under drought conditions.

Executive Order B-37-16, Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life, comes at the conclusion of California Wildfire Awareness Week as the state enters the time of year when water resources are used the most to fight fires, irrigate landscaping, and grow crops.

California is now in its fifth year of drought and Governor Brown wants to make water conservation a permanent way of life. He issued his first mandatory water restrictions in April 2015 after proclaiming a state of emergency on January 17, 2014.

Under the executive order issued this week, Governor Brown is directing the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to develop proposed emergency water restrictions for 2017, if drought conditions persist. He is looking to build on the overall 20 percent urban water reductions by 2020 that are already in place. Urban water suppliers will be permanently required to submit a monthly report on water use conservation achieved as well as enforcement.

The Governor in his press release noted that Californians reduced water usage by 23.9 percent between June 2015 and March 2016, compared with the same months in 2013.

The Governor wants a proposal to make these restrictions farther reaching and permanent by January 10, 2017. Cities and water agencies will be at the table working with the Governor's Administration to craft a workable plan for all Californians.

The Governor's executive order also permanently establishes policies that prohibit the use of potable water for:

- ✓ Housing off sidewalks, driveways, and other hard scapes.
- ✓ Washing automobiles with hoses not equipped with a shut-off nozzle
- ✓ Using non-recirculated water in a fountain or other decorative water feature
- ✓ Water lawns in a manner that causes runoff, or within 48 hours after measurable precipitation
- ✓ Irrigating ornamental turf on street medians.

The final provision has had some unintended consequences. Many cities have turned off irrigation on their medians entirely, instead of just irrigation to water grass. This has resulted in damage to trees, shrubs, and other drought-tolerant landscaping that has withered without any watering.

The Governor's executive order was announced on the same day the SWRCB released draft regulations that would make significant changes to the February 2, 2016, emergency water conservation standard. The draft regulations remove the mandatory conservation standard and replace it with a sliding scale based on projected water supply shortages over the next 3 years. Urban water suppliers will be required to reduce potable water use in a percentage equal to their projected shortfall in the event of 3 more dry years. In other words, if an individual water district projects it would, under the specified assumptions, have a 10 percent shortfall after the next 3 years at the current rate of use, their mandatory conservation standard would be 10 percent.

SWRCB will consider the draft regulations at its May 18, 2016 hearing. If adopted, the new conservation standards would take effect in June and remain in effect until January 2017.

For a copy of the proposed SWRCB regulations please visit [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/emergency\\_regulation.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/emergency_regulation.shtml)

- According to a Reuters news report, America will fall \$1.44 trillion short of what it needs to spend on infrastructure through the next decade, a gap that could strip 2.5 million jobs and \$4 trillion of gross domestic product from the economy.

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) estimated that through 2025, the United States has funded only about 56 percent of its needed infrastructure spending. The nation needs to spend \$3.32 trillion to keep its ports, highways, bridges, trains, water, and electric facilities up to date, but has funded only \$1.88 trillion of that, ASCE said. The shortfall rises to \$5.18 trillion through 2040 without new funding commitments. U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was \$18 trillion in 2015, according to the International Monetary Fund.

The ASCE argues that by not spending more toward improving the infrastructure, the funding gap will only increase as costs rise. The crumbling infrastructure has a cascading effect on the nation's economy impacting business productivity, the GDP, employment, personal income, and international competitiveness. Examples of major U.S. infrastructure failures include the drinking water crisis in Flint, Michigan, airport travel delays at the nation's airports, and the deadly 2007 I-35W Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minneapolis.

The ASCE issued its last report on the state of the nation's infrastructure three years ago. Since that report was released, the new report notes that most areas have been stable or shown modest improvement buoyed by federal, state, and local investments. The one major failure, however, is in surface transportation, with the funding gap increasing, compared to previous studies.

Locally, the Montclair City Council has committed bond funds for improvement of the City's streets and roads; last year the City was awarded \$15 million to rebuild the Central Avenue bridge at the UPRR tracks (the requirement to rebuild the bridge has since been questioned by Caltrans. Caltrans has now determined the bridge needs to be refurbished); the Ramona Avenue grade separation was completed in 2009, and construction of the Monte Vista Avenue grade separation is expected to commence in 2017; the City, along with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Gold Line Construction Authority and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) have applied for funding to extend the Gold Line to the Montclair Transcenter; and the City, SANBAG, and Caltrans are working toward a 2018 widening of the Monte Vista Avenue bridge at the I-10 Freeway, with reconstruction to start, if approval is given, to add east-west express lanes on the Freeway.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- Over the last month, Deputy Fire Marshal Scott Sherwood surveyed vacant lots in the City for weed abatement compliance. Property owners who are in violation of California Fire Code Section 304.1.1, relating to combustible vegetation, were issued a weed abatement compliance letter requesting that all overgrown weeds and any trash or debris be removed from their property. Compliance letters are sent out in the spring and fall in order to reduce the potential for fires at these locations. As the fire season approaches, it is crucial that this Fire Code is enforced and property owners comply in order to avoid further action.

Clearing vacant lots of vegetation, weeds, and other debris greatly reduces the potential for fires.

Weed abatement compliance inspections are conducted twice a year. The photo below shows a property that has successfully passed the inspection.



## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Looking for a summer camp for your child or a child you know? Then look no further than the Montclair Summer Day Camp Program which begins May 31 and runs through August 5.

The 10-week program will be held at the Montclair Youth Center Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children in grades 1-8 grades (2016-17 school year). Activities will include games, field trips, arts and crafts, special events, swimming, sports, and movies. Camp costs \$90 for one week, \$160 for two weeks, or \$60 for three days a week.

Pre-registration is going on now at the Recreation Center. Beginning May 31, sign-ups will be taken at the Youth Center. For additional information, call (909) 625-9479.

- Don't miss out on the Bingo Bash fundraiser tomorrow (Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Senior Center. This event is for all ages and is sponsored by the Montclair Senior Citizens Club and the Montclair-Ontario Junior Women's Club.

Bingo packs may be purchased at the door for \$10.00. All of the proceeds benefit the Montclair Youth and Senior Programs. For more information call (909) 625-9483.

An event flyer is included on Page 14.

- Set aside Saturday, June 4 from noon to 6 p.m. for the 4th Annual Country Fair Jamboree.

This year's event at Alma Hofman Park will offer carnival rides and games for kids; a giant Ferris wheel, fiberglass slide, and scrambler ride for adults and kids; a DJ; performances by the bands 80's All-Stars and Suave; pony rides; a petting zoo; a skateboarding competition; food trucks; contests for all age groups; community organizations; special 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities; and much more.

An event flyer is included on Page 15.

- The City of Montclair is accepting applications for four (4) vacancies on the Community Action Committee. The term length is four years, expiring on June 30, 2020.

Applications are available at City Hall's front counter during business hours. The application deadline is Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The Community Action Committee is an advisory body to the City Council on matters related to the evaluation of recreational programs. The Committee may propose additional City-approved programs designed to meet the cultural and social needs of the residents.

The Notice of Vacancy can be found on Page 16.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- CSU Officer Jeffrey Wheater recently received the Commander's Award from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for his assistance in capturing a dangerous criminal that was sought by the Sheriff's Department earlier this year.

Congratulations, Officer Wheater!



Officer Wheater is pictured with his mom, dad, and fiancé



The Crime Suppression team: Officer Eric Rivera, Officer Wheater, and Sergeant Matt Borra

- On Tuesday, Sergeant John Minook was recognized as the Montclair Police Department's Officer of the Year at the International Footprint Association's Inland Empire Chapter 67 Blue Ribbon Breakfast. This annual event coincides with Law Enforcement Appreciation Week.

Chief Mike deMoet; Captain Robert Avels; Lieutenants Jason Reed, Brian Ventura, and Brandon Kumanski; Sergeants Bryon Kelly and Matt Borra; and Officer Jeffrey Wheater attended in support of Sergeant Minook.

The event was held at National Orange Show's Valencia Room in San Bernardino with San Bernardino Chief of Police Jarrod Burguan as guest speaker.



Sergeant John Minook is pictured at the breakfast with his wife, Tina

- Yesterday, the Montclair Chamber of Commerce held its annual Montclair Police Officers' and Employees' Appreciation and Recognition Luncheon at the Montclair Community Center. City employees, local dignitaries, and members of the business community attend this annual event to pay tribute to our sworn personnel and the employees who assist "behind the scenes."

Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck gave the invocation, and Officer Eric Rivera led the flag salute.

Police Chief Mike deMoet introduced Sergeant John Minook as the 2015 Officer of the Year, and Law Enforcement Systems Supervisor Ricky Tankersley as the recipient of the 2015 Annual Achievement Award.

John and Ricky were presented with certificates and plaques by local dignitaries that included Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft; Fourth District County Supervisor Curt Hagman; and representatives from the offices of Congresswoman Norma Torres, Senator Connie Leyva, and Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez.

Chief deMoet also acknowledged Officers Amanda Bergman, Jerad Burns, and Eric Rivera for their recent lifesaving heroics during the April 4 "Incident Fire." And the Department's new K9, a Bloodhound named Cù Bòcan, and his handler, Officer Ben Martin, were introduced and later obliged everyone with photo ops at the conclusion of the program.

Sponsors for this event were Montclair Hospital Medical Center, Cuning Dental Group, Montclair Place, Wells Fargo Bank, Burrtec Waste Industries, Monte Vista Water District, Metro Auto Group, Southern California Edison, and City of Montclair.

Special thanks to Dolce Bistro and Bakery for the delicious catered lunch.



From left: Ricky Tankersley, Chief Mike deMoet, and Sergeant John Minook



Officer Ben Martin, K9 Bo, and Council Member John Dutrey



Pictured L-R: Council Member John Dutrey, Ricky Tankersley, Council Member Trisha Martinez, Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft, Sergeant John Minook, and Chief Mike deMoet

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

- Following the 2015 State emergency water conservation regulations, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), an association of 26 cities and water districts in Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties, offered a turf removal and replacement rebate through its SoCal Water\$mart program.

The program offered rebates for the removal of existing grass and replacement with drought-tolerant landscaping and plants. The City identified this program as an optimal way to replace the "golden" turf in the City's medians (the result of shutting off irrigation to median islands following Monte Vista Water District's mandate to reduce water usage) at little cost to the City.

Staff identified the median islands on Central Avenue, between San Bernardino Street and Howard Street, as the best way to maximize the rebate and get as close to the \$50,000 maximum rebate allowed per project. Staff prepared an application and facilitated the removal of the median island turf and replacement with Gorilla Hair mulch and drought-tolerant plants.

Following an on-site inspection by Inland Empire Utilities Agency, the application was approved and the City received the full \$49,946 rebate expected. Funding for the region-wide turf removal program has now been exhausted, but MWD will update the program if additional funding becomes available in 2016.

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

- Amazon has agreed to lease 20 cargo planes from Atlas Air Worldwide on Thursday, just two months after announcing a similar deal with another aircraft-leasing company.

The announcement, made through Atlas Air's press office, includes the lease of 20 Boeing 767 freight aircraft and support for crew, maintenance, and insurance.

It also gives Amazon the right to buy up to 20 percent of Atlas Air's common shares, with options to acquire an additional 10 percent of the shares.

The deal could last 7 to 10 years and will go into effect in the second half of 2016. Combined with the flight-leasing deal announced in March, Amazon will have at least 40 cargo planes in operation within the next couple years.

Atlas Air shares jumped nearly 30 percent after the announcement, while Amazon shares remained roughly flat.

The announcement is the latest in Amazon's move to ramp up its own delivery network. The e-commerce giant has made a series of moves over the past year, including the purchase of thousands of its own trailer trucks and a French delivery company, that make its shipping ambitions clear, while it continues to rapidly expand its Prime same-day and two-day delivery services.

Many believe Amazon's end goal is to build up its own shipping network that will allow it to bypass current delivery partners, like UPS and FedEx, and even provide shipping services to other sellers. If Amazon were to expand into the delivery service market, it would be entering into a market worth \$400 billion.

But Amazon has played down that speculation, pointing out its logistics expansion is only intended to support current partners' fill capacity and increase delivery speeds to customers.

- The early 2000s marked a hallmark era for teen retail, canonized by prominent logos and a place in pop culture. But all that has changed.

Teen retailer Aeropostale recently filed for bankruptcy, becoming the latest teen brand to fall victim to the capricious nature of teens' wallets. Last year, Quiksilver and Wet Seal filed for bankruptcy, and last month, Pacific Sunwear did the same.

Aeropostale was victim to the same problem that has plagued many other teen retailers. It was unable to realign itself to the changing fashion demands of younger shoppers, many of whom chose to spend their disposable income on personal services, electronics, and social experiences.

Unlike other teen retailers who have seen sales stabilize after drastic drops, Aeropostale never saw its sales stabilize. Industry analysts link Aeropostale's inability to stabilize sales as a result of the brand not electing to rebrand itself to the desires of teen shoppers and adopt to current fashion trends.

On the other hand, rivals American Eagle and Abercrombie & Fitch have seen sales rebound as both retailers took the strategic approach to rebrand themselves and their clothing.

- Red Lobster has made surprising gains with an unlikely customer demographic: millennials. The chain was named the top restaurant choice among 18- to 24-year-olds in a recent survey by Nation's Restaurant News that included 173 other brands.

The rating came as a surprise even to Red Lobster's CEO who admits that the restaurant chain has not been advertising directly to millennials.

Red Lobster was in a decline when it was taken private nearly 2 years ago. Same-store sales had dropped 5.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2014, the last quarter for which the company reported financial results before it was taken private by Golden Gate Capital.

Red Lobster is now making a comeback amid positive comparable sales for the last six straight quarters. Apparently, since going private, the company has started catering its menu to new and popular food trends.

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"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

~ John F. Kennedy

## MAY 2016



16	Real Estate Committee Meeting - <b>Canceled</b>	
16	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting - <b>Canceled</b>	
16	City Council Meeting - <b>Canceled</b>	
17	Benefits Fair Community Center	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
18	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
18	Public Works Committee Meeting - <b>Canceled</b>	
22-25	International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Las Vegas Convention Center	
23	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
<b>30</b>	<b>Memorial Day – City Offices Closed</b>	
31	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.

**Friday the 13th might be your lucky day!**



*You're Invited to Montclair Senior  
Citizen Club's & Montclair-  
Ontario Junior Women' Club's*

# BINGO BASH

**Friday, May 13, 2016**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Montclair Senior Center**

**5111 Benito Street, Montclair**

*Snack bar available*

*18+ only; limited seating. For more  
information call (909) 625-9483*

*Proceeds benefit the  
Montclair Pacific Electric Trail &  
the Montclair Community Garden*

**Bingo prizes sponsored by:**



J. John Dutrey  
Montclair City  
Council Member

Carolyn Raft  
Montclair  
Mayor Pro Tem



Travel Time Tours  
serving Montclair  
since 1977



Catering  
Systems, Inc.



Director  
G. Michael Milhiser

**\$10.00 buy-in**

**Includes six games  
with a prize of \$100  
each game.**

**One game of a Bingo  
Blackout special \$5  
for one sheet with a  
prize of \$200.**

No splitting packs

Additional 6 game pack \$5 each

Additional blackout special sheet \$3 each



4th Annual

# Country Fair



JAMBOREE

GAMES ★ FOOD TRUCKS ★ PETTING ZOO ★ RIDES ★ PIE EATING  
PONY RIDES ★ SKATEBOARD COMPETITION ★ ENTERTAINMENT  
SPLASH PAD ★ FREE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

12 - 6 PM

ALMA HOFMAN PARK  
5201 BENITO ST.

*Event parking available at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.  
Do not park at Montclair Town Center.*



**80's ALL-STARS**  
PERFORM AT 1 PM

**FUN CONTESTS FOR ALL AGES**  
PRESALE CARNIVAL WRISTBANDS AVAILABLE AT SELECT LOCATIONS. VISIT WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION.

**SUAVE**  
PERFORMS AT 4:30 PM

Full event information at: [www.cityofmontclair.org/countryfairjamboree](http://www.cityofmontclair.org/countryfairjamboree)

FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION CALL **(909) 625-9479** ★

FOR VENDOR AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION CALL THE MONTCLAIR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**(909) 985-5104**

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## Notice of Vacancy

The City of Montclair  
Invites You to Become Active in Your Community

**There are four (4) vacancies on the Community Action Committee**

- Committee's Purpose:** To serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters related to the evaluation of recreational programs and to propose additional City-approved programs designed to meet the cultural and social needs of the residents of the community.
- Qualifications:** Members must be residents of the City of Montclair.
- Meetings:** Montclair City Council Chambers  
5111 Benito Street, Montclair  
First Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.,  
except during the months of July and August  
when the Community Action Committee is dark.
- Length of Term:** Four (4) years - Term expires June 30, 2020.
- Stipend:** \$50 per meeting attended

Applications are being accepted in the City Clerk's office until 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Application forms are available at City Hall, 5111 Benito Street, Montclair, or by calling (909) 625-9416.