



June 23, 2016

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: June 17-23, 2016

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

- Last Friday, Mayor Paul Eaton, Council Member Bill Ruh, Senior Human Services Supervisor Michelle Castillo, Ginger Eaton, and I attended a press conference held by Assembly Members Freddy Rodriguez (52nd Assembly District) and Jose Medina (61st Assembly District) regarding legislation (Assembly Bill 1741) in the State Budget package promising to deliver up to \$15 million to incentivize the creation of regional college "Promise Programs" that promote college readiness and degree attainment. The event was held at 10 a.m. in the east courtyard of the Chaffey High School GWS Auditorium. AB 1741 was co-authored by Assembly Members Rodriguez, Medina, and Patrick O'Donnell (70th Assembly District).

The Promise Program seeks to instill in young students that college attendance is attainable. That message is particularly important in San Bernardino County, which has one of the nation's lowest rates of college attendance.

In his comments, Assembly Member Rodriguez stated, "California's College Promise is a victory for California's students. Regional College Promise Programs, similar to Ontario-Montclair School District's (OMSD) Promise Scholars, give students the support and opportunities needed to achieve their dreams. The state's investment will enable these types of programs to spread across the state and help more students succeed."

Assembly Member Medina noted, "California has long prioritized public education as a pathway to economic stability." Assembly Member Medina is Chair of the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

Inspired by successful Promise Programs such as the Long Beach College Promise and Ontario-Montclair Promise Scholars, Assembly Members Rodriguez, Medina, and O'Donnell introduced Assembly Bill 1741 to create the California College Promise Innovation Awards to provide much needed funding to community college districts to establish College Promise Programs in their region.

California's College Promise seeks (1) to ensure students graduate from high school prepared to enter college-level courses; (2) increase the percentage of students who earn degrees or career technical education certificates; (3) increase transfer rates from community colleges to 4-year institutions; and (4) reduce and eliminate achievement gaps.

Ontario-Montclair Promise Scholars grew out of the City of Montclair's highly regarded and award-winning Online to College (OTC) Program. As the precursor and model for Promise Scholars, OTC was introduced at the 5th grade level in Montclair elementary schools. Students that enrolled and remained in the program through graduation from Montclair High School are eligible to receive up to two-year's paid tuition, books, and parking upon enrollment at Chaffey Community College. Montclair's OTC was expanded two years ago and is now introduced at the ninth grade high school level. The Promise Scholars Program continues the OTC tradition of introducing college readiness programs at the 5th grade level in Montclair schools.

Congratulations to Assembly Member Rodriguez for leading this effort to expand educational opportunities for California's students.



Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez (at podium) and Assembly Member Jose Medina (front right, standing), with Mayor Paul Eaton, seated. Council Member Bill Ruh stands in the second row behind Assembly Members Rodriguez and Medina

- Earlier this month, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decided in a 7-4 ruling that California counties may restrict permits for carrying concealed firearms in public. That decision overturned a [2014 ruling](#) that prompted some California counties to relax their rules.

In the 2014 ruling, a three-judge 9th Circuit panel decided 2 to 1 that counties had to relax their rules for permits. The decision was based on a 2012 state law that took away the right of people to carry unloaded guns openly in public, while carrying ammunition separately. The panel majority ruled at that time that the state could not prohibit carrying guns both openly and concealed.

Last week's decision affirms the constitutionality of restrictive conceal-carry laws in California's major cities. The decision also comes at a time when (1) lawmakers in Sacramento have been considering a flurry of gun bills; and (2) California voters prepare to consider a likely November ballot measure on gun control. California has been pursuing a gun control agenda more vigorously than any other state in the nation. That agenda has now moved to the forefront in the wake of the Orlando, Florida killings at the Pulse night club last week. Gun control has also become a major 2016 Presidential Campaign topic.

Some gun owner groups have indicated they may appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, an uncertain prospect given there is now no need for the High Court to resolve differences among the federal appeals court circuits. Last week's ruling brought the 9th Circuit in agreement with other circuits that have ruled on the issue. The ruling, which affects nine states, grants wide latitude to impose all sorts of restrictions on carrying concealed weapons. The gun lobby also pledged to challenge California's ban on openly carrying guns in public.

In his ruling, the judge stated the 2nd Amendment does not give people the right to carry a concealed gun. "The 2nd Amendment may or may not protect to some degree a right of a member of the general public to carry a firearm in public," the judge wrote; but "if there is such a right, it is only a right to carry a firearm openly," he concluded.

Current California law allows county law enforcement agencies to set rules that limit permits for concealed guns. Some rural counties in the state have relaxed rules and make permits easily available; conversely, most urban counties have strict rules.

California law says applicants for permits must show good cause for needing the weapons, but counties define good cause differently. Because the 2nd Amendment does not protect any right to carry concealed firearms in public, any prohibition or restriction a state may choose to impose on concealed carry—including a requirement of good cause, however defined, is allowed by the 2nd Amendment.

Last week's decision avoided answering the critical legal question of whether, if concealed carry is prohibited, must some form of open carry of firearms be allowed? California law currently bans open carry, so the constitutionality of that ban will now have to be tested.

Gun owners are divided over whether to challenge the ban on openly carrying firearms in public. The concern is that people may be frightened to see the open carrying of guns, increasing support of gun control.

The US Supreme Court has been reluctant to take gun control cases in recent years; and the recent death of Justice Antonin Scalia, who favored gun rights, has left the court deadlocked 4-4 on many decisions. Thus, the court is unlikely to take on such a major case without nine justices.

- California's economic prowess as the world's 6th most powerful economy continued to show its strength by posting record import and export trade volumes this past May at the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's largest port-of-trade. The news is promising for the 2016 Holiday Season, which is typically preceded by the peak trade volume months of August and September.

The Port of Los Angeles saw 400,766 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) imported, representing a 15 percent increase over May 2015.

Exports, although much less than imports, logged in at 162,487 TEUs, still achieving a 6.3 percent increase over May 2015. Due to the weakened dollar, exports have been slower to rebound as the economic tide remains volatile.

Neighboring ports on the west coast, from Long Beach to Oakland, are also experiencing upswings to their highest levels since August 2015.

- Over 70 people attended the annual Montclair Chamber of Commerce Installation of Officers and Directors Awards & Recognition Luncheon yesterday at John's Incredible Pizza. Several dignitaries attended the event and presented certificates to new and outgoing Chamber directors and officers, as well as outstanding ambassadors.

Mayor Paul Eaton, First Lady of Montclair Ginger Eaton, Council Member Bill Ruh, and Council Member Trisha Martinez were in attendance. In addition, several representatives were also present, including Aura Sandoval of Congress Member Norma Torres' Office, Benny Ayala of State Senator Connie Leyva's Office, Joanna Venezuela of Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez's Office, and Karen Haughey of 4th District County Supervisor Curt Hagman's Office.

Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Myra Kirscht was Master of Ceremonies. Police Lieutenant Jason Reed led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Bill Ruh served to install the incoming Board of Directors and Officers: Virgel Mabini, Wells Fargo Bank; Scott Poddig, Bowlum; Joy Haerens, Chaffey Community College; Rosa Rangel, Montclair Florist and Gifts; Ruccsana Ahmed, Laptop Xchange; Pat Rees, Montclair Kiwanis; Larry Martin, Montclair Place; Tim Walborn, Director, West End YMCA; Ron Ikejiri, Global Link Distribution, INC.; Amy Norman, Red Lobster; Bobby Hyde, Ben Bridge Jeweler; and Susan Elias, Dragon's Tale Brewery.

Barbara Johnson, Travel by Design, was installed as Chair of the Board of Directors. This will be Barbara's second term as Chair.

Ruccsana Ahmed presented the Chamber Ambassadors with certificates of appreciation. A highlight of the awards ceremony was Pat Rees of Montclair Kiwanis winning the "Ambassador of the Year" title.

The City of Montclair greatly appreciates all the diligent work provided by the Montclair Chamber of Commerce and its dynamic group of directors and officers. The City is thankful to have such dedicated ambassadors who volunteer their time all year long in support of the Montclair business community.



Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Officers are pictured here Mayor Paul Eaton, in the front row, 4th from left; Council Member Trisha Martinez in the second row, far right; and Council Member Bill Ruh in the last row, far right.



Mayor Paul and Ginger Eaton are seated; standing L-R are: Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Myra Kirscht; Senior Management Analyst Mikey Fuentes; Deputy City Clerk Andrea Phillips; Council Member Bill Ruh, and Rosa Rangel of Montclair Florist and Gifts.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- UCLA Anderson Forecast's second quarterly report in 2016 for the United States calls for continued slow but steady Gross Domestic Product growth in the two percent range. As forecast in the spring report, national economic growth will be driven by increases in consumer spending and housing, along with an end to the inventory correction currently underway.

In his latest essay regarding the California economy, UCLA Anderson senior economist Jerry Nickelsburg focuses on the state's employment situation. "Employment in California has grown steadily and is now at record levels. The number of payroll jobs is now at 16.4 million and is 6 percent above its previous peak," writes Nickelsburg. The number of people employed, including farm labor and the self-employed, is now at 18.1 million and 6.2 percent above its previous peak. One might claim that this is not nearly enough, since California's population has grown by 9.5 percent since 2007, and, therefore, the state is a bit away from that elusive full employment level. However, it is not the population per se, but the age profile of the population that matters when considering full employment. Nickelsburg's look at California revisits the notion of "the bifurcated California"—the idea that inland California, with its traditional manufacturing, government, and agriculture continues to suffer in terms of employment; while the coast, with its technology, information, and trade sectors, leads the recovery.

While California experiences full employment, Nickelsburg warns of a number of risks, including the extension of Proposition 30, which is on the September ballot (Prop. 30, first passed in 2012, taxes the state's top earners at a higher rate, leaving the state government vulnerable in times of recession) and the upcoming presidential election, as the next president's policies might have an impact on international trade, a sector on which California relies.

The California forecast has been revised downward slightly, as a consequence of slower-than-expected growth in the U.S. in 2016. The current forecast calls for continued steady gains in employment through 2018, and a steady decrease in the unemployment rate in California over the next two years. Nickelsburg expects California's unemployment rate to be insignificantly different from the U.S. rate at 5.1 percent by the end of the forecast period.

Nickelsburg estimates total employment growth for 2016 to be 2.0 percent, and forecasts 1.6 percent and 0.8 percent growth for 2017 and 2018, respectively. Payrolls will grow at about the same rate over the forecast horizon. Real personal income growth is estimated to be 3.1 percent in 2016 and forecast to be 3.4 percent in 2017 and 3.0 percent in 2018.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- As temperatures rise this summer, we must remember to take precautions to protect ourselves and check on the most vulnerable—the elderly, those who work outdoors, infants and children, the homeless, and people with chronic medical conditions.

High or unusually hot temperatures can affect one's health. Take the necessary precautions to prevent serious health effects such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke by following the tips below.

### **Stay cool**

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings
- Find an air-conditioned Cooling Center by dialing the United Way's toll-free resource telephone line at **2-1-1**, or online at <http://211sb.org/cooling-centers>
- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device
- Limit outdoor activity, especially midday when it is the hottest part of the day, and avoid direct sunlight
- Do not leave infants or children in a parked vehicle, even in the shade with windows cracked; temperatures can reach over 120°F inside. Their abilities to cool through sweating are not as developed as adults
- Wear loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing
- Take cool showers or baths to lower your body temperature
- Check on at-risk friends, family, and neighbors at least twice a day

## Stay hydrated

- Drink water more than usual, and do not wait until you are thirsty to drink
- Drink from two to four cups of water every hour while working
- Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar
- Make sure your family, friends, and neighbors are drinking enough water

## For Pets

Remember, pets are vulnerable to high temperatures too, but are unable to vocalize their distress. Some signs of heat distress in pets can include heavy panting, difficulty breathing, lethargy, excessive thirst, and vomiting. You can help prevent a heat emergency by taking these steps:

- Leave your pets extra water
- Bring pets inside during periods of extreme heat
- Ensure they have plenty of shade if kept outside. Remember, the shade your pets have in the morning will either change or diminish as the sun moves throughout the day and may not protect them
- Do not force animals to exercise when it is hot and humid. Exercise pets early in the morning or late in the evening
- Do not let pets stand on sidewalks or hot asphalt
- Never leave pets in a parked vehicle, even in the shade with windows cracked; temperatures can reach over 120°F inside

## Additional Resources

- FEMA's Ready Campaign:  
<https://www.ready.gov/heat>
  - San Bernardino County Department of Public Health:  
[http://www.sbcounty.gov/pubhlth/ph\\_divisions/preparedness\\_response/natural\\_disasters.htm](http://www.sbcounty.gov/pubhlth/ph_divisions/preparedness_response/natural_disasters.htm)
  - Red Cross:  
[www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA\\_CustomProductCatalog/m4340158\\_HeatWave.pdf](http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4340158_HeatWave.pdf)
  - Be Prepared California:  
<http://www.bepreparedcalifornia.ca.gov/beinformed/naturaldisasters/extremeheat/Pages/ExtremeHeat.aspx>
  - State of California Heat Illness Prevention Program:  
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/HeatIllnessInfo.html>
- Montclair will host its first amateur radio Field Day this Saturday and Sunday, at Montclair Wilderness Park. Hope to see you there!

See the flyer on Page 14 for more information.

## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- On Monday at the City Council meeting, Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck presented the proceeds from the May 2016 Mayor's Prayer Luncheon to the Montclair Community Foundation. The donation will go towards the City's annual Holiday Toy and Food Drive.

Thank you, Vicki!



Police Chaplain Vicki Brobeck at the podium

- On Wednesday, the Senior Center hosted an Ice Cream Social dance. Over 150 participants enjoyed delicious appetizers, ice cream sundaes, and music provided by the band, *RadioKlash*.

A photo collage of the event is shown on Page 16.

- The 2016 Summer Concert Series kicked off with its first concert on Tuesday night featuring the Shameless Dawgs, a dance variety band. Montclair's very own Lead Worker-Custodian Victor Alvarado played bass guitar with the band, and Code Enforcement Officer Robert Hargett's wife, Tina, was the lead singer.

Approximately 200 people enjoyed a fun evening in the park, a special opening of the Splash Pad, free arts and crafts for children, and the snack bar.

Upcoming concerts, all free at Alma Hofman Park beginning at 7 p.m., are as follows:

June 28	The Ravelers (classic rock)
July 5	The Silverados (country)
July 12	Mariachi El Aventurero (mariachi)

Photos are shared on Page 17.

- For the past two months, the Senior Center has hosted monthly "In-service on Wheels" presentations on the Golden Express, where seniors are informed of services offered by the Senior Center and taken on a tour of the City. The first stop of the tour is Montclair's new Starbucks, where seniors are treated to a pouring demonstration and samples, followed by stops at the Community Garden, the Fruit Park, the Reeder Ranch, and Dairy Queen for an ice cream cone.

Last week, the Senior Center received word that the seniors' favorite Starbucks barista, Trevor Mannion, had entered a barista competition. The Starbucks manager invited the seniors to the competition to cheer for Trevor. The seniors arrived in the Golden Express with signs and pom poms. Eight baristas competed, and to the seniors' delight, the winner was Trevor! Larry Campa, Starbucks District Manager, was amazed to see such great community involvement, and the seniors were treated to complimentary beverages.

Photos are featured on Page 15.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Monday's City Council meeting served as a forum for presentations and warm sentiments for retiring Chief of Police Michael deMoet. This was Chief deMoet's last Council meeting before his retirement on June 30. His professional career in law enforcement began when he was just 20 years old, fresh out of Golden West Police Academy.

Presenters included Mayor Paul Eaton, who gifted Chief deMoet with a special City tile plaque on behalf of the City Council; San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Curt Hagman; Council Member Bill Ruh, representing Senator Connie Leyva; Daniel Martinez, representing Congresswoman Norma Torres; and Chris Craig, representing Assemblymember Freddie Rodriguez.

On behalf of the City Council and all employees, I extend to Police Chief deMoet our sincerest appreciation and gratitude for his exemplary service and wish him great enjoyment, opportunity, and reward in his retirement years.



Chief deMoet is shown after receiving a plaque from Mayor Eaton. Mayor Pro Tem Carolyn Raft is seated next to the Mayor.



Chief deMoet is pictured here with Greg Caldwell, the Montclair Police Chief who hired him in 1985

"The castle grounds were gleaming in the sunlight as though freshly painted, the cloudless sky smiled at itself in the smoothly sparkling lake, the satin-green lawns rippled occasionally in a gentle breeze. June had arrived."

~ J. K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

### JUNE 2016

		
27	Planning Commission Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
28	City Manager's Staff Meeting City Hall Conference Room	9:00 a.m.
30	Retirement Celebration for Police Chief Mike deMoet Police Department	3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

# JULY 2016



4	Independence Day – City Offices Closed	
5	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.
18	Real Estate Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	5:30 p.m.
18	Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	6:15 p.m.
18	City Council Meeting Council Chambers	7:00 p.m.
20	Safety Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	10:30 a.m.
21	Public Works Committee Meeting City Hall Conference Room	4:00 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.

# Amateur Radio Field Day

- When:** June 25 at 11 a.m. to June 26 at 11 a.m.
- Where:** Montclair Wilderness Park  
4594 San Bernardino Street, Montclair, 91763
- Who:** Members of the Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) will be participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day Exercise. This event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

## Why Amateur Radio and Field Day are Important:

- Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location, and create an independent communications network in just minutes. That's the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage!
- For over 100 years, amateur radio—sometimes called ham radio—has allowed people from all walks of life to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, as well as, provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet.
- Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are over 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as 5 and as old as 100. With organizations like ACS, it's easy for anyone to get involved right here in the Cities of Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, and Upland.

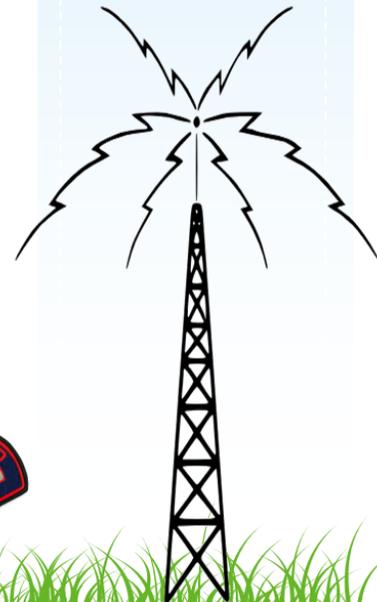


**For More Information:**  
Call the Montclair Fire Department at (909) 447-3540



*ACS Serves the Cities of  
Montclair, Rancho  
Cucamonga, and Upland*

Field Day began in 1933 and is now the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the U.S. and Canada. On the 4th weekend in June, more than 35,000 radio amateur operators gather their organizations to operate from remote locations.



# Senior Center Participant's Attend A Barista Competition





# *Senior Center Ice Cream Social Dance*



# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES KICKOFF!

## The Shameless Dawg's



June 21, 2016



Join us next Tuesday,  
June 28 for Classic Rock  
music by  
The Ravelers!

